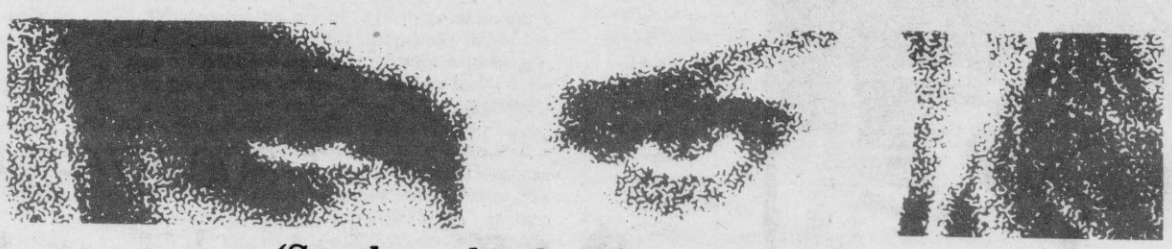
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BASIC INSTINCT:

CATHERINE DID IT!



(Sure hope this doesn't spoil it for you!)

LETTERS

Tell Ann You're Glad You're Gay!!

An Open Letter to Ann Landers:

Recently you printed a letter from a Covina, CA, resident who wanted more information about the possible genetic basis of sexual orientation. "Covina" asked you if the discovery of such a link would encourage people to be "more tolerant of homosexuals."

You responded that proof of a genetic link would likely reduce anti-gay hostility. Then, you raised the question of whether homosexuality was a curse or a blessing, and concluded: "So let's settle that question once and for all. I'd like to ask the gay community how it feels about this." You asked "every homosexual who is reading this" to send a card marked either "Yes, I'm glad I'm gay" or "No, I would rather be straight."

While I don't doubt your benign intentions in raising the issue as you did, I am somewhat troubled by your treatment of it. In effect, you must know that you will *not* "settle the question once and for all" through a postcard campaign. In fact, this approach only serves to trivialize the subject.

Given that racism is an important social problem, has it ever occurred to you to ask "every African American reading this" to send in a card declaring "Yes, I'm glad I'm black," or "No, I would rather be white"? And would that settle the issue of racism, once and for all? The problems experienced by people of color in a racist society should not be reduced to this sort of insulting "vote." It is the racist, and not the person of color, who ought to be called upon to explain him- or herself.

Besides, if I were a member of the KKK, you bet I'd send along a few cards announcing my "white envy." The homophobes will do the same thing in this case. Assume that many of the "I'd rather be straight" letters you receive are coming from your right-wing, heterosexual, "Christian" readers. They tend to be very handy with postcards.

At any rate, you might consider polling these homophobes, and asking them to try and explain their irrational fear and hatred of homosexuality. Perhaps you could ask them to mail in cards marked either "Yes, I'm glad I'm a ignorant, homophobic bigot" or "No, I'd rather be intelligent."

If some gays and lesbians write to say they'd rather be straight, that should not be taken as an indication that homosexuality is a curse. Homophobia is the curse that compels some gays and lesbians to wish they were straight. The curse is that gays and lesbians continue to be marginalized, attacked and otherwise oppressed at all levels of society. The curse is that gays and lesbians are routinely denied civil rights and equal protection under the law.

The discovery of any genetic basis for sexual orientation will not eradicate the enormous problems associated with homophobia until basic attitudes are changed. Already, the homophobes have made this quite clear. If a genetic link is found, the next step (as the homophobes see it) is developing some sort of "cure." Whether sexual orientation is a choice or a predestined affair *does not matter* for those who hate gay, lesbian and bisexual persons. They will continue to persecute that which they fear and cannot understand.

Finally, Ann, I would hope that sometime soon you ask heterosexuals if they believe their orientation is a "curse." After all, most of the people who write to you claim to be straight. Most of them are miserable. So, it only stands to reason . . . .

Al Kielwasser
San Francisco

P.S. Yes, I'm glad I'm gay.

Editor's note: On Sunday, March 8, Ann Landers asked gay (and presumably lesbian and bisexual) people to "settle that question once and for all," i.e., are we glad we're gay? (See story page 8). Landers has asked us to send a card to: Ann Landers, PO Box 11562, Chicago, Il 60611-0562 and write either "Yes, I'm glad I'm gay," or "No, I would rather be straight." The letter writer above details pretty well some of the inanities of this campaign—but the reality is that the sheer volume of us who respond is most important to the results. To aid and abet this effort, SF Bay Times and the SF Independent have co-sponsored the insertion of a ready-to-mail postcard in this issue. So fill it out now (add a personal note of your own) and send it in!

Mayor Jordan Courts the Boy Scouts

On May 6, 1992, the San Francisco Bay Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is holding its annual "Lunch-O-Ree" fundraiser in the Grand Ballroom of the San Francisco Hilton Hotel. A reception will commence at 11:30 am, with lunch at noon. About 700 people are expected to attend.

The keynote speaker will be the Mayor of San Francisco—Frank Jordan.

This week various corporate executives are being encouraged by the BSA to send out fundraising letters to those on their personal mailing lists. Tickets cost $150 per person, $750 for five and $1,500 for a table of ten.

As a gay person, I wonder if those who choose to support the "Lunch-O-Ree" are aware that the BSA does not allow gay men to lead scout troops or children with a gay parent to be scout members. In Frank Jordan's case this means that the gay man who managed his successful mayoral campaign can not be trusted to lead a Boy Scout troop.

These days, most American corporations find discrimination based on sexual orientation as impermissible as discrimination according to age, race or gender. The United Way recently decided against funding the BSA until the Scouts change their anti-gay policies. I suggest it's time that those individuals and corporations who support the Scouts take action to bring the organization in line with values relevant to contemporary American life.

The BSA prides itself on maintaining "traditional" American values of "patriotism, fair play, and respect for life and liberty." The group's anti-gay policy is a violation of its stated values. Discrimination is neither fair nor respectful.

This kind of institutionalized schizophrenia is no longer an accepted norm in corporate America. Companies ranging from AT&T to Xerox, and including San Francisco's own Levi-Strauss & Co., support their gay and lesbian employees' organization. Those corporations recognize anti-gay discrimination does exist, but they do not support or tolerate it within their organizational structure.

I'm very curious to hear how Mayor Jordan and those individuals and corporations who choose to support the BSA make sense of the Scouts' anti-gay policies. In contemporary America it's no longer possible to ignore discrimination of any kind. Boys socialized in the BSA's current discriminatory climate are being ill-prepared for reality.

Suzanne Brady
San Francisco

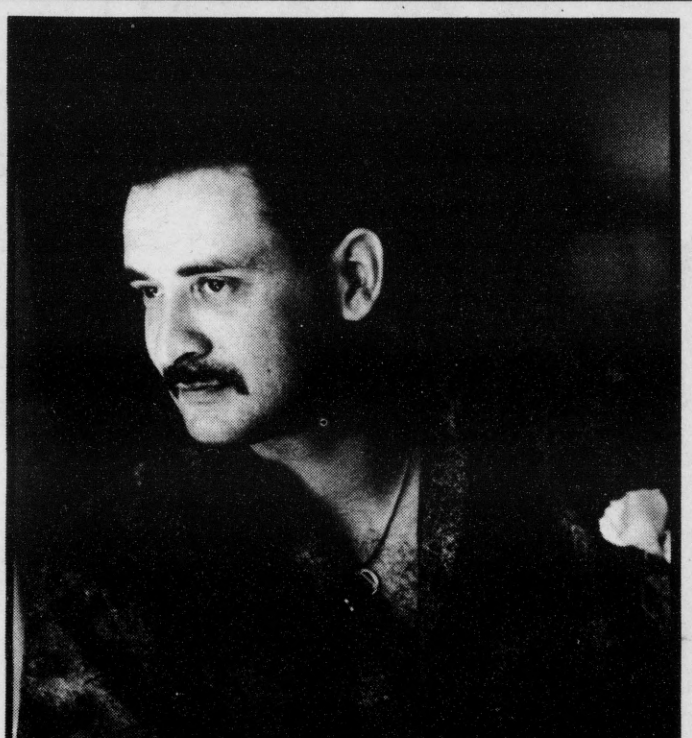
Migden for President

In response to the Examiner's *editorial dated March 4, 1992, "City to Bush: Pay Up":*

If you recall, a private citizen, decorated Vietnam veteran, a gay man I may add, was instrumental in disarming Sara Jane Moore in the 1975 assassination attempt on President Ford. Had it not been for this brave man, in fact, many doubt President Ford would still be with us today.

Regardless if Bush is or isn't billed, pays or doesn't pay for the additional security provided during his recent visit, Carole Migden, another brave soul, had the courage to speak out on the bilking of limited city resources we as Americans endured from Bush and his "Republican fat cats." We need more public servants like Carole, who will not cover up, deny or just flat out ignore the "harm" being inflicted on the American public at the hands of two-faced politicians. It's nice that the *Examiner* seems to think that "San Franciscans shouldn't mind paying a few extra cops to keep a President from harm." Horseshit, I do mind!!! I say leave Carole alone; she is one of only a handful of politicians working to keep San Franciscans from "harm"—"harm" from our beloved Bush.

The editorial further states that "Bush, like any other citizen, has a right to travel freely." Well, on the day Bush was here to collect $1000 per head, I



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had a scheduled job interview. However, *my right to travel freely* was cut short by Secret Service personnel who had Post Street blocked. I had to walk seven blocks out of my way, and was late for my interview.

I realize it's too late for Carole to enter the 1992 presidential race. Hopefully she'll consider 1996. She's got my vote, but more important, she has my respect.

I may be queer and unemployed, but I still have the right and power to vote, and so do you!

Nichole Ghrist
San Francisco

Unjust Policy at Mercury News

An Open Letter to Larry Jinks, Publisher of the San Jose Mercury News:

You may have noticed that GLAAD held a protest on the front doorstep of your paper recently. It was held on Valentine's Day, to be exact, to dramatize the fact that the lesbian and gay community honors and celebrates love and commitment, just like the rest of society. You may even have heard why we were here—because your paper refuses, as a matter of policy, to accept lesbian and gay commitment ceremony/wedding announcements. Just in case you did not hear the other points that we were making out in the rain, here is a recapitulation:

1) Gays and lesbians, like heterosexuals, do fall in love, and do settle down.

2) The lack of legal recognition of same-sex unions is prejudicial, unjust and obsolete. In fact, the *California State Bar Association agrees* that the law must be changed!

3) The *Mercury News* does not have to add insult to injury by endorsing an unfair law. After all, a *free* press is inclusive, not censorious.

4) The *Mercury News* is the only Bay Area daily newspaper to have a policy against same-sex wedding announcements!

GLAAD is concerned that the *Mercury News* may be putting economic considerations above fairness.

The *Mercury News'* response to our protest was to reaffirm its abdication of responsibility to the local community by continuing to follow the state's lead. Also offered as a reply was the following reasoning: Since the paper is "swamped with requests for free announcements" (this is news to GLAAD), why should they even bother considering something that isn't *legal?* De facto discrimination against the lesbian/gay community is perfectly OK. No room at the inn.

GLAAD once again requests that the *Mercury News* drop its policy against accepting same-sex wedding announcements. Our community will not accept the *Mercury News'* hiding behind an obsolete, biased state law, nor will it accept flimsy excuses. If the paper gets more requests than it can handle, let it reduce the demand by charging a fee, like the *Oakland Tribune* does, but *not* by discriminating against gays and lesbians. We should not need to remind you that the *Mercury News* has an obligation to serve the *whole* community, not just heterosexuals. After all, we are 10 percent of your readership!

GLAAD stands ready to meet with you to discuss this matter at your earliest convenience.

Robert Greeley
Co-Chair, South Bay GLAAD
Christine Schmidt
Co-Chair, South Bay GLAAD

Sexuality Resources Guidebook

Thank you for reviewing my *Bay Area Sexuality Resources Guidebook.* Yours was one of the more balanced, objective, and useful reviews that has been done. Your comments will be useful as I revise the book.

When I began my research and writing, I didn't know that the Bay Area contains the richest and most diverse selection of sexuality resources of any location on earth. As you noticed, classifying them proved nearly impossible.

Reaction has been highly positive. Both consumers and professionals feel the book is a major asset. One woman wrote that I changed her life. Everybody struggles with sex in one way or another. My book helps many people.

On Our Backs will get a full page write-up in my next major printing (scheduled for April). A Different Light—which, by the way, carries the book—also will get a mention. Other San Francisco stores that stock it include Good Vibrations, Stormy Leather, Romantasy, Old Wives' Tales, and Modern Times.

It looks like this book will become an annual affair. I will try to include an index in future editions.

As you mentioned, I am highly interested in consumer feedback. People with questions or comments regarding either my book or local sexuality resources can reach me at PO Box 1261, Berkeley 94701.

Jay Wiseman
Berkeley

Support Santa Cruz Legislation

As you may be aware, the city of Santa Cruz is currently considering legislation that would outlaw discrimination in jobs and housing on the basis of sexual orientation, height, weight and personal appearance. The proposed ordinance has received a surprising amount of national attention, most of it ridiculing the city's efforts to expand civil rights protection to include such "extremes" as fat people, transsexuals and, of course, queers. Following a recent hearing on the proposed ordinance, a majority of the City Council expressed support for the "spirit" of the gay rights and appearance ordinance, but sent it back to committee to rework some of the language. Interestingly enough, the sticking point has not been protection for "queers" but for "freaks"; that is, there are fewer problems with the gay rights aspects of the ordinance than with the appearance clauses. Of course, for many like myself (a leather dyke with a moustache), the distinction between oppressions is elusive. Both the homophobic religious Right and some local conservative business interests have vowed to stop the ordinance or to repeal it should the Council pass it at the end of March. We very much need the support of our communities in the Bay Area. You can help us secure passage of this ordinance by bringing your queer and diverse bodies to town the weekend of March 14 and 15 to participate in a pro-ordinance "shop in." Local businesses in Santa Cruz are still reeling in the aftermath of the Loma Prieta earthquake. They need support—and they need a clear reminder that people of all body types and sexual orientations provide that support. Throughout the weekend, visibility stickers and "Queer money" cards to attach to each purchase will be available at the local Lesbian and Gay Community Center and in front of the Bookshop Santa Cruz. Make a weekend of it and help turn the '90s into a decade of expanding, not eroding, civil rights for all.

Wendy Chapkis
Anti-Discrimination Coalition
Santa Cruz

Fried White Tomatoes

Have you seen *Fried Green Tomatoes?* Did you feel thrilled when Evelyn smashed her car against that of those young brats, responding "I'm older than you and have more insurance"? Did you feel that glow of passion (although unrequited) between Idgie and Ruth? It's so rare that we see relationships like these that it feels like a treat.

But wait—did you start squirming shortly after the film began because none of the African American people had spoken yet? Did your discomfort change to anger and then to rage by the end of the film when you realized that Cicely Tyson—in all of her magnificence—was barely allowed to speak?

I was outraged. The message is that Cicely Tyson doesn't matter, but Idgie, Evelyn and Ruth do. The message is that a certain group of people is more important than another. The message given is that African American people don't get to be developed as full characters because times are hard and the game of privilege for a few is a very popular game again.

We need to let producers know that we will pay to see people of color as fully developed characters. We want to see this. We will boycott films that treat Cicely Tyson and other people of color as photographic sidekicks.

Erin Bucklew
San Francisco

Life-Threatening Issues Not Trivial

This is a copy of a letter sent to GLAAD/SFBA.

Having listened to the phone tree message about Project Censored, I of course wrote to its organizers. However, it's equally important to respond to whoever wrote the message. This person seems to find it unbelievable that over ten years Project Censored found certain stories "more important than lesbian gay and bisexual people's lives." These stories were about pesticides, NutraSweet, and electroshock.

What makes this person think these issues don't affect lesbian, gay and bisexual peoples' lives? Do they really think there are no gay farmworkers getting poisoned by pesticides? Do they really think there are no gay people getting brain damage from electroshock? Gay people are part of every group—and every group is part of the gay community.

The problem with the mainstream media is not just that it fails to cover gay-related stories. It also fails to include gay people in "mainstream" stories. When was the last time a mainstream paper, radio show, or TV show quoted a gay person about the economy, drugs, or the environment? We are mentioned only in stories about gay rights or "gay lifestyles." The mainstream media treats us as freaks who exist only in gay-related stories, not as members of the human race. GLAAD should know better than to make that mistake.

Treating life-threatening issues as unimportant merely because they aren't related to homophobia is not only stupid, it's self-defeating. Consider who might be on the GLAAD phone tree list, listening to that message, and being asked to act. Some of us may have survived pesticide poisoning or electroshock, or lost a child due to NutraSweet. How would GLAAD react if a phone tree for an anti-pesticide organization had a message complaining that gay-related stories get an unfair share of media attention? People who feel insulted or excluded are liable to stop supporting the organization that angered them.

By implying that stories aren't important because they aren't about "gay" problems, GLAAD is making the same mistake that Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund made with the Miss Saigon benefit. Asian Americans were publicly calling Miss Saigon racist when LLDEF decided to use it as a fundraiser. This should have served as a warning. Assuming that certain people weren't part of the gay community let LLDEF ignore their anger, which came back to haunt LLDEF. Gay Asian Americans and allies picketed and boycotted the benefit performances of Miss Saigon, creating bad press for LLDEF and losing it memberships and donations.

The problem is not that Project Censored chooses trivial stories. It is that Project Censored seems to consider all gay-related stories trivial. Choosing a gay-related story would not mean leaving out something unimportant. It would mean choosing fairly from among all important but ignored stories, without disqualifying those about gay people. GLAAD should not ask members to tell Project Censored anything else.

Rebecca Ripley
Menlo Park

Racism & Silence

Senator Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.) finally told us why the government refuses to disarm and what it intends to do with all those nuclear weapons. First, he reminded us that the U.S. "tested" nuclear weapons by dropping them on the Japanese people, a racist act to warn the Soviets who were poised to attack Japan that this was to be the American Century. Second, by using such a genocidal image in today's economic crisis, he notified all of us of our possible future, courtesy our tax dollars: nuclear holocaust.

His remarks may have evoked some concern from peace advocates in the U.S. and Japan, but not one word came from the presidential candidates for the Democrats and Republicans, none of whom has any program for economic conversion to a peacetime economy, and several of whom, both Democrat and Republican, love to use anti-Japanese racism in their campaigns.

At least back in 1796, they called themselves the Democratic-Republican party.

Lee Heller
San Francisco

Acknowledging Native Americans

There are a lot of holidays and festivities celebrated in the United States. Some get more attention than others, depending on what part of the country you live in. There's Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday in January. There's Chinese New Year, President's Day, and African American month in February. St. Patrick's Day in March. Easter and Passover in April. International Worker's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day and Memorial Day in May. Father's Day in June. The Fourth of July. In September there's Labor Day. Columbus Day and Halloween in October. Thanksgiving in November. Chanukah and Christmas in December.

The two things that came to mind while I was making this list were that the month of August is free of holidays, and the other is that there is nothing on a state or national level that acknowledges the oldest surviving culture in the United States—Native Americans. Nothing. Berkeley has changed Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day (Do they mean indigenous people of North and South America, or indigenous people in general?), but that's the only public acknowledgment I've heard about.

I know for a fact that if legislation were introduced to acknowledge Native American contributions to the U.S. (and the world) there would be a lot of opposition. It would probably bring attention to some

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CATHERINE DID IT!



by Val C. Phoenix

IT'S BA-A-CK. JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT it was safe to go to the movies, here comes *Basic Instinct* returning to the scene of the crime. Local gay, lesbian and bisexual groups are gearing up for the arrival of the notorious film, which opens March 20 nationwide, with bookings at the Metro in SF and the Century 8 in Oakland. And on hand to greet film-goers will be a group of pesky queers calling themselves Catherine Did It!, out to spoil Hollywood's fun by giving away the film's ending.

Tri-Star Pictures, the film's distributor, has been playing hardball by seeking to control press on the film and limiting its screenings. In an unusual move, Tri-Star has, as of press-time, set no press screenings for *Basic Instinct* in the Bay Area, though the company refuses to say whether this is due to fears of uppity queers or savage critics. A representative of the public relations firm retained by Tri-Star in San Francisco declined to be quoted on this, saying, "That was a decision of Tri-Star Pictures." A Tri-Star executive in Los Angeles declined to be named or speak for the record, beyond saying that something might be set up in the next few days.

Annette Gaudino of the protest group Catherine Did It! sees signs Tri-Star is trying to shift negative reaction onto Sharon Stone, the actress who plays Catherine. "The publicity machine has kept a tight lid on [star Michael] Douglas. He's avoiding the press. He canceled a function before the Oscars." When *Donahue* tried to line up a show on *Basic Instinct*, the only person Tri-Star offered was Stone, rather than any of the power figures: star and producer Douglas, producer Alan Marshall or director Paul Verhoeven.

By contrast, Stone has been on the publicity trail, even dropping into San Francisco in February. A portion of Stone's interview with *Details* magazine turned up in gossip queen Liz Smith's *Chronicle* column on March 11, possibly planted to counter planned protests. Stone is quoted as saying she didn't see her character as "hetero- or bi- or homosexual... Listen, I have a four-minute sex scene with Michael Douglas in which I have three orgasms. What does that tell you?" Gaudino says, "They're hoping people will start attacking her," a tactic which is a "no go" in her book.

Los Angeles Queer National Michael Du Plessis sees other signs the studios might be nervous, particularly Verhoeven's agitated defense of the film at the recent American Film Market in Hollywood, where *Basic Instinct* was up for sale. Queer Nation held a protest outside and leafleted attendees of the AFM, who raised the issue with Verhoeven. "The same afternoon Paul Verhoeven spoke about *Basic Instinct*... He was quoted as saying, 'I just wish people would give this film a chance.' He seemed frustrated."

Tri-Star seems to be avoiding queers at all costs, bouncing GLAAD/LA from a screening in Culver City on March 9. Chris Fowler, executive director of GLAAD/LA, said Tri-Star informed him at 7 pm the night of the screening that GLAAD had been "disinvited" because the company had received a draft of a press release the group planned to issue after seeing the film.

The draft was actually prepared by GLAAD/New York, which had seen the film, but the difference was lost on Tri-Star. GLAAD/LA had been negotiating with Carolco, the production company, and Tri-Star for months, hoping to abate homophobic hysteria over the film upon its release. "We wanted to work with them so they wouldn't continue to defame us in the way they sell the movie," said Fowler, who blames Carolco for GLAAD's disinvitation. "They could have gotten us back into the screening with one phone call." Fowler speculated that Tri-Star's reaction was because "they're not comfortable with the film, and they were uncomfortable with us seeing it. This gave them the opportunity to be punitive with their response."

GLAAD/USA issued a press release dated March 10 in which it denounced the film and said negotiations with Carolco "have now effectively come to an end, due to Carolco's apparently purposeful foot-dragging." Carolco did not respond by press time to calls from the *SF Bay Times*. GLAAD chapters will also be sending letters to film critics across the country apprising them of the way lesbianism is used "as an aspect of the character's pathology" and that "no major Hollywood studio has ever produced a film with a lesbian protagonist with positive and redeeming qualities. When these two facts are considered together, the negative impact of films like *Basic Instinct* is clear."

The Tri-Star executive would only say that a violation of the agreement between GLAAD and the company had occurred. Of the film, the executive said, "We ask that people see the film and judge it for themselves, to make up their own minds. We think it's a terrific movie, and we think most people will agree with us."

NOT

These cheery words belie the assessment of lesbian and gay media watchers who've seen the film and say basically, it stinks. Ellen Carton, executive director of GLAAD/NY, who attended a special screening in New York City, told *SF Bay Times*, "It's as bad as they say." Carton ripped the film for "showing lesbian and bisexual women as unstable, most likely homicidal women, who are very sexual and, as a result, evil."

Ironically, despite all the publicity about the big sex scene between Catherine and her lover Roxie, all the overt sexual activity is heterosexual. Carton feels it's just a stinker of a film. "This movie is a major muddle, aside from the homophobia and the sexism. There are so many loose ends, the film doesn't make sense." Robert Scheps, one of two GLAAD members who evaded Tri-Star's "disinvitation," adds, "Basically, all the women in the film are fucked up."

Basic Instinct has been dogged from its earliest days by objections to the storyline. Last spring, filming was disrupted in the Bay Area by protests against its use of lesbians and bisexual women as the villains, while glorifying the straight male protagonist as a hero—despite the fact that his character has a murderous history and rapes his ex-girlfriend. Just having a bad day, apparently. Despite negotiations between members of the lesbian/gay/bisexual community and the filmmakers to change the script, efforts agreed to by scriptwriter Joe Eszterhas, the movie went ahead as planned.

Basic Instinct is being marketed as a suspenseful thriller filled with sex and a few kinks. In a nutshell, the script has Douglas playing Nick, an SF cop investigating the icepick murder of a male rock star. Nick's chief suspect is Catherine (Stone), a bisexual novelist who has written a book with a similarly executed murder. After several cat-and-mouse interrogations, they have sex. He pays irregular visits to Beth, his ex-lover, who is also his shrink. (He's under some observation, because he's shot four bystanders in five years.) After questioning Beth about the case, he rapes her. Catherine's lover Roxie gets jealous of Nick and tries to run him down. He kills her. Nick finds out Beth once had sex with Catherine, making her a major suspect in the case. He kills her. Nick and Catherine decide to "fuck like minks and raise rugrats" together. In the midst of this, she reaches for an icepick. Bingo. Catherine did it. End of story.

CATHERINE DID IT!

Catherine Did It! has made it its mission to wreck the heralded suspense of the film by adopting the main killer as its mascot. Annette Gaudino says the group's aims are manifold. Among them

"People need to accept that they don't know very much about us that's fair and accurate."

is to give away the plot in an effort to hurt the box office. It's no secret that Carolco is on shaky financial ground and looking to the film to recoup its huge cost. Failure of *Basic Instinct* might push the company over the edge but Gaudino doesn't have much invested in the box office strategy. "I don't know what the effect on the box office will be, but this is one of the best ways to have an effect."

The group also seeks to educate the public about the film's misogyny and homophobia, and alert the media about the issues. So far, Catherine Did It! has sent out some 250 "media packets" to film critics across the country. The packets include information on sexual assault, lesbophobia, and Hollywood's dismal record on portraying lesbians. The packets also include a "Necrology" of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transvestite characters from Hollywood movies and how they died. It's a long list with a disturbing trend toward suicide and murder.

Catherine Did It! is in something of a holding pattern until the film opens. Gaudino says the group will most likely perform street theater on opening night and read from the script to the film-goers standing in line. Their tactics thus far have certainly gotten a response. "The name is one of the best things we have going for us," says Gaudino. She notes that when she appeared on the radio show, "Hibernia Beach," the phone lines lit up with irate callers. "People either get pissed off or they laugh hysterically."

Nevertheless, as she sees it, the issues are deadly serious. Having negotiated with the filmmakers last spring, Gaudino has concerns about several specific aspects of the script, as well as its overall tone. These concerns include several instances of dyke-baiting. For example, the lesbian character Roxie is referred to as "Rocky" and baited by Nick, who suggests they have a talk "man-to-man." This character killed her younger brother when she was a child, because, the script suggests, he was getting too much attention. The script also calls for a closeup shot of a picture of his mutilated body.

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Then there is the handling of a scene in which Nick forces himself on Beth, despite her saying, "No." Patt Riese of Catherine Did It! in Los Angeles is outraged at this depiction. "The rape scene is abhorrent. She thanks him for it! This is not, in actuality, how people feel after a rape."

A planned press conference for the March 20 opening in L.A. will include speakers from rape crisis centers, said Riese, who says she would like to get women's groups involved in protesting the film.

Gaudino's contact in Hollywood, an anonymous lesbian journalist who has seen the film, reports the disputed scene between Nick and Beth "absolutely is rape," and that she kisses him afterward. Much of the dyke-baiting is intact, including the "man-to-man" and "Rocky" bits. Reportedly, people at the March 9 Los Angeles screening laughed at the latter comment. "It's dyke-baiting, and they bit," says Gaudino.

The all-important ending to this thriller has undergone a slight change in the filmed version, which renders it absurd in Gaudino's view. In the script which was widely circulated among activists last spring, Catherine reaches under the bed for an icepick as she and Nick have sex. Then the screen fades, leaving the impression she's up to her old tricks. In the completed version, according to Gaudino's source, Catherine reaches for something under the bed, and the camera cuts to the icepick. Then Catherine gives Nick a loving look and puts down the icepick. Gaudino is scornful of this change. "The implication that she was converted by the love of Michael Douglas is infuriating."

Despite this change, Gaudino says, "As far as we're concerned, Catherine still did it. We consider ourselves a viewer's aid. Since it's hard to tell if Beth or Catherine did it, we want to make clear what the intention of the filmmakers was before they decided to placate us with a few superficial changes. It still stinks. They didn't understand our objections at all."

Reaction to the film is overlain with alarm at how it will be received by the straight public. Riese says, "The women in the script are potential murderers. It feeds into the stereotype that women who are not interested in men must be man-hating and must want to kill men. Bullshit." Jessea Greenman of GLAAD/SFBA points to "the climate of rising violence against our com-

munity," and adds, "What the mainstream thinks it knows is based on the popular media. People need to accept that they don't know very much about us that's fair and accurate." Combine sensationalism with ignorance and "it will lead to queer-bashing," says Riese.

"THEIR MONEY/OUR LIVES"

Greenman sums up the war between Hollywood and the lesbian/gay/bisexual community as a case of "their money, our lives." But certain issues have divided the community itself: to protest and risk giving the film more publicity, or not to protest. To give away the ending, violating cinema etiquette, or politely leaflet. And the over-arching question: What's the big deal, anyway? Greenman recognizes a "spectrum of response. This is an intense issue. People are going to respond as they feel called."

Some say the community should just ignore *Basic Instinct* and not give the film unneeded publicity. Carton demurs. "This is not an isolated instance of Hollywood's homophobia. Hollywood has a history of showing stereotypical views of lesbians and gay men... It would be better if the film went away and died a quick death, but we can't ignore it and hope that if we ignore it, everyone else will."

While Catherine Did It! leads from the script at showings of *Basic Instinct*, GLAAD/SFBA will be leafleting film-goers, informing them of the film's message. Says Greenman, "I see GLAAD's role as articulating to the public and the media why our community is so angry." Greenman hesitates to even call GLAAD's actions a protest, saying, "We will have a presence at the film. Our aim is to try and communicate with the individual movie consumers. They may decide they do not choose to support such unfair, totally one-sided portrayals. We want to educate the public, so they can make their own choices."

Catherine Did It! also seems to be alone among groups contacted by *SF Bay Times* in calling for a boycott of *Basic Instinct*. Perhaps fearing the accusations of censorship that followed protests last spring, none of the GLAAD chapters contacted by *SF Bay Times* has endorsed a boycott. Greenman says, "We will not interfere with people seeing the movie."

While groups in the Bay Area politely disagree on tactics, unity has fallen apart in Southern California. GLAAD/LA has had a falling-out with Queer Nation/LA, resulting in open squabbling between the two groups. The rift occurred when GLAAD gave its award for best film with lesbian content to *Fried Green Tomatoes*, a move that came after GLAAD played a consulting role on the film.

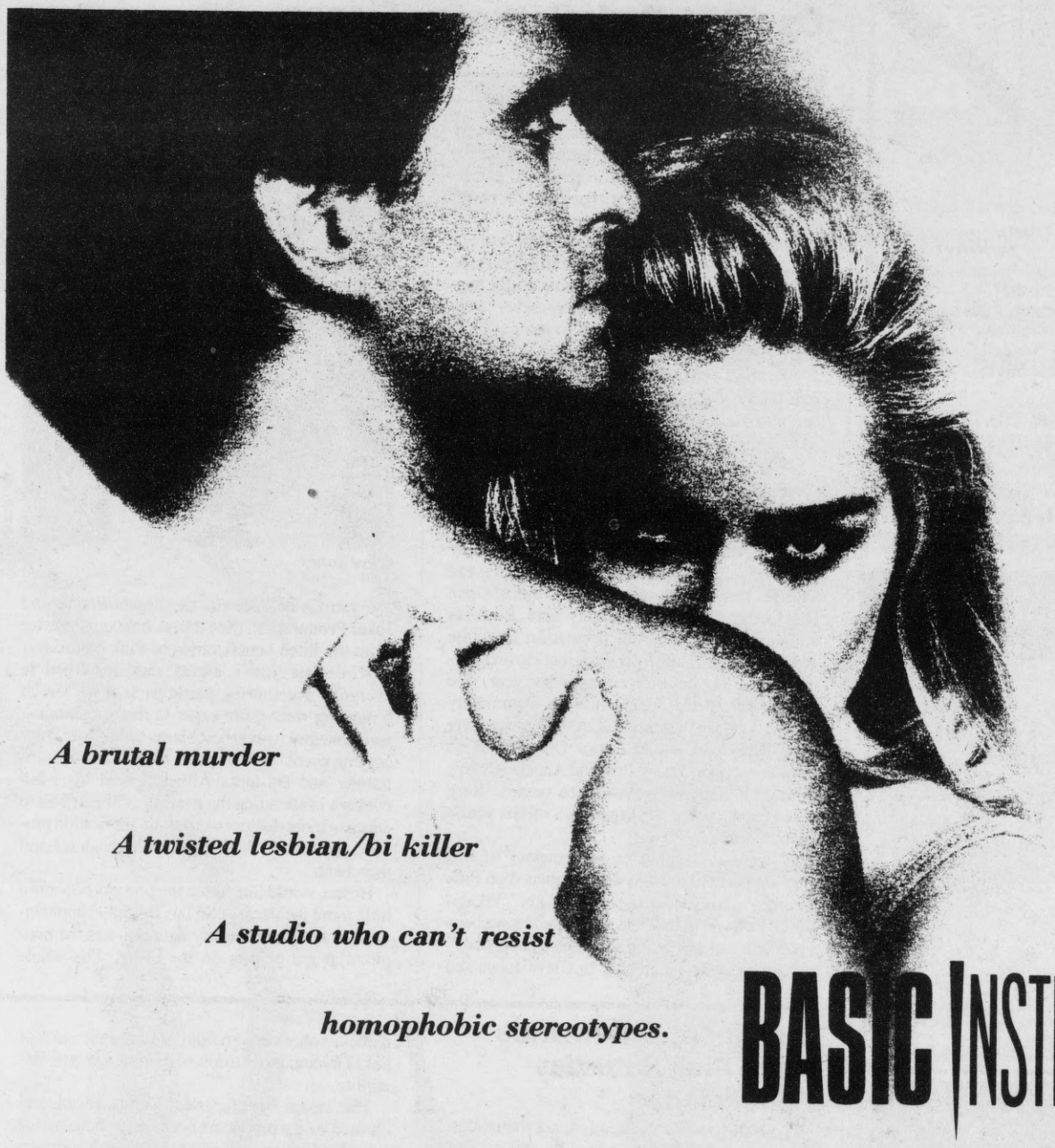
According to Du Plessis, Queer Nation sees the acclaim as misplaced applause for a film with watered-down lesbian content. "Our position is that *Fried Green Tomatoes* is a wonderful film, given the reduced options available for women now." But it comes seven years after Donna Deitch's openly lesbian *Desert Hearts*. "Historically," says Du Plessis, "*Fried Green Tomatoes* represents a step back. We think it's unfortunate to reward a film that takes a step back."

Certainly, groups closer to the film industry in Hollywood seem less willing to confront it on its limitations—and appear irritated with groups that do. GLAAD's Fowler professed not to know about protests that had occurred at various industry functions over the last few weeks and said that most of what he knew of other groups' plans came from the media. Having been burned by Carolco, though, he was more inclined to condemn the industry's attempts to marginalize concerns of the lesbian and gay community. "They're not playing fair here."

Richard Jennings of Hollywood Supports declined to comment at all on the brouhaha over *Basic Instinct*, saying his group is "an entertainment industry project educating the industry on AIDS-phobia and homophobia. We don't respond to specific events." Ironically, Michael Douglas is on the board of Hollywood Supports.

Riese says there are "basic philosophical differences between QN and GLAAD," and that Catherine Did It! is rooted more in the Queer Nation perspective. "That doesn't make us enemies," she said. Despite not having contact with GLAAD thus far, Riese said she hoped they would "be able to work together around *Basic Instinct*." She said she will invite someone from GLAAD to speak at the press conference. "I feel open to working with people on this."

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HOLLYWOOD QUEERS

Basic Instinct is only the latest entry in a cavalcade of Hollywood productions misrepresenting the lives of lesbians, gays and bisexuals, in a hallowed Hollywood tradition that spans *Pandora's Box* to *Cruising*. Greenman for one feels it's the last straw. "This movie means the end of the era of Hollywood's self-proclaimed innocence about its own homophobia. They can't say they didn't know. There's been enough discussion of the issues."

Whatever the outcome of the *Basic Instinct* strategies, queers will be taking on the power structure in the future. Greenman feels the lesson of *Basic Instinct* is that "Hollywood has to accept responsibility for what it does and does not fund. This is an access issue." A protest of the Oscar ceremonies on March 30 is planned, though activists are closed-mouthed about the specifics. Du Plessis, who is working on the protest, says QN/LA set the ball rolling by calling for a series of protests against Hollywood that will build up to the Oscars, and by "calling on queers in the industry to speak out." Participants will arrive the weekend before the awards and will protest outside the event. "Queer Nation will not necessarily be doing anything. A lot of people are angry enough to do all sorts of things," he says with an air of mystery.

Du Plessis and others are particularly irked that *Paris Is Burning* was not nominated for best documentary feature—and that racism and homophobia may have played a role in the omission. Says Du Plessis, "The chair of the Academy's documentary nominating committee, Sy Gomberg, made trivializing remarks about the film not being serious enough. In this case, race and homophobia were intertwined." By contrast, several nominations were given to *Silence of the Lambs* and *JFK*, films with sensationalized, murderous gay characters.

Fowler said GLAAD/LA would not be participating in the actions. "GLAAD isn't a protest organization when it comes to things like that." Carton said the NY group had no plans to send anyone, though she allowed that "the industry needs to be hit where it lives. The Oscar ceremony is an interesting place to do it."

Will Hollywood get anything out of this flurry of activity? In fact, some weird stuff is already happening. This week, it was announced that Joe Eszterhas' latest script is about "the good guys versus the bad guys, and coincidentally the good guy's gay." Gaudino says she's heard rumors that Michael Douglas' next film is *Falling Down*, which has his character going on a murderous spree. His last victim is a gay man, whom he kills with a rocket launcher. But says Gaudino, "The rumor is his PR people are saying he's coming out against homophobia because it's so obviously a bad thing. He's totally clueless."

Du Plessis says New Line Cinema is releasing *Three of Hearts*, which is definitely *not* a sequel to *Desert Hearts*. Rather, it's the tale of a vengeful dyke who sics a male hustler on her ex-lover with the unexpected result that the hustler and the intended victim fall in love and go off together, leaving the lesbian to her lonely misery. Will Hollywood ever learn?

Debate continues over the role of lesbian and gay activists in Hollywood. Queer Nation/LA's anger at GLAAD/LA's insider status in the film industry is one aspect of this debate. Greenman sighs at the dissent, saying, "There's a justified range of responses. There's a gray area. [One extreme is] where you're an outside agitator and remain pure, but your views are discounted. The other extreme is being a consultant and getting paid. My gut tells me what I'm comfortable with. The point is to gain access, but it's problematic. Each GLAAD chapter has its own flavor. Our chapter is regarded as one of the more radical chapters."

One of the great ironies in the situation, of course, is the huge number of queers estimated to work in the industry, including several power brokers. Most of them remain closeted, cowed into silence by the prevalent homophobia and AIDS-phobia, a condition perpetuated by their silence. Another lie is that it is good business to use lesbians and gays as murderous villains, since it is what the market will bear.

Yet, as Greenman points out, lesbian, gays and bisexuals comprise a market of some 25 million people, who presumably *don't* want to see those images. Du Plessis feels "the future is not bright for homo-hatred," and the sooner Hollywood gets the message the better. Says Riese defiantly, "We're not gonna stand by and take this anymore."

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Avoiding Another Pink Stink

Activists Meet to Discuss Issues Raised By 1991 Pink Saturday Fiasco

BY TIM KINGSTON

Remember the pre-parade Pink Saturday celebration last year? Castro Street and the Upper Market area were closed off the night before the Parade for a giant street party, and a great time was had by many.

But after the party was over, all hell broke loose. Disputes arose over who really possessed the street-closure permit. And what really happened to all the money which never ever materialized that was supposed to have gone to seven nonprofit community groups? Well, even if you don't remember, the organizers of this year's July 28-29 gay day celebrations most certainly do, and are determined to avert a repeat fiasco.

On Friday, March 6, a 19-strong gathering of community representatives met at Shanti Project to hammer out ideas for a new permit-application process that will head off a repetition of last year's disputes. Attendees included people from the City Attorney's office, the Department of Parking and Traffic, Project Inform, Shanti Project, Open Hand, the Castro Community and Business Alliance, New Stonewall Liberation Day (the group that held, then lost, the street closing permit for the day before the parade last year), the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and Community United Against Violence (CUAV). Also present were Rick Ruvolo and Lestor Olmstead Rose from Supervisors Harry Britt and Angela Alioto's office. No representatives were present from Joker Productions, the organizers of last year's ill-fated event.

"I want to emphasize the purpose of this meeting is not to resolve what happened on Pink Saturday" last year, exhorted Ruvolo. "We did not invite those individuals who should have been a part of a real discussion about what happened," he said, referring indirectly to Cleve Jones and Joe van Es-Ballesteros, the organizers behind Joker Productions. (See the accompanying letter from the jilted beneficiaries of Pink Saturday.)



Photo by Rink

Cleve Jones

While last year's events remain burned in everyone's memories, participants at the March 6 meeting were more eager to discuss planning and strategies to avert problems at this year's upcoming event. Scott Hestor, of the Castro Community and Business Alliance, said his main concern in attending the hearing at Shanti was to ensure a more democratic permit-application process, with more input from local residents and merchants.

Hestor would like to see the process become a little more inclusive. "So far, the only people involved in this are the city agencies and the people who are putting on the event. The whole attitude is basically: As long as there are not any complaints, there is no problem." But Hestor said there are problems. Street fairs with cheap alcohol cut into local business revenues, while residents suffer both from party overload and inconvenience when they find out about street closures the day of the event.

The issue of who actually obtains and controls street-closure permits for any major event comprised a significant portion of the March 6 discussion for a very simple reason: money. Those who actually obtain street-closure permits control revenues from the event.

The most tangible result of the meeting was a list of suggestions to prevent a dispute over who gets the permit and, consequently, the right to make money out of the event.

Rina Cutler, of the Department of Parking and Traffic, also suggested that fundraising events be granted a separate and new category of permit application, which would automatically be shunted over to the Board of Supervisors for approval, instead of the multi-departmental board now responsible for street-closure permits. Such events could then be subjected to greater scrutiny and accountability. The idea was supported by most of those present, because it would mean that the Department of Traffic and Parking would be free of the politicization such events invariably attract.

Among the other ideas kicked around the table were proposals to increase the $40 fee for the street-closure permit, as well as a proposal to include more detailed information about groups requesting street closures. People making such an application would be required to include both their own name and a letterhead from the organization requesting the closure, plus a list of the group's board of directors to verify the organization's legitimacy.

Whitefeather, a director of New Stonewall, proposed that the fee for street closures be increased from $40 to $300, so that the increased fee could fund a new position at the Department of Parking and Traffic that could investigate legitimacy of organizations requesting street closures. Whitefeather also suggested a provision that would allow impoverished organizations to be exempted from the fee. Others at the meeting

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Statement & Demands From Pink Saturday Beneficiaries

A production company, Joker Productions, produced a benefit event on June 29, 1991, "Pink Saturday," and designated the following agencies and organizations as beneficiaries: the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, Community United Against Violence (CUAV), the Early Advocacy & Care for HIV (EACH) Program, the Jon Simms Center for the Performing Arts, Project Inform, Shanti Project and the Women's Building. We are writing this open letter to the community to provide information on the outcome of the event, to share lessons we have learned and to express our disappointment with Joker Productions that we did not receive any monetary disbursement.

Joker Productions provided two reports to the beneficiaries; one report was an unaudited financial statement that showed that $38,621.36 was collected at the gates of the event, earmarked for the beneficiaries. The other report provided a narrative describing the outcome of the event. The beneficiaries believe that gross mismanagement and lack of production experience by Joker Productions led to production costs far surpassing event income. We also believe that they solicited our agencies to be beneficiaries and to commit volunteer support by greatly misrepresenting the level of committed financial support of the event while underreporting the production costs.

The negligence of these representations led to an expensive event. Joker Productions was unable to meet their costs and was unable to deliver donations to the beneficiaries which the producers had projected to be $5,000 per agency. The situation exploited the use of our respective agencies' names, volunteers and integrity for the sake of publicity and the illusion of community accountability.

The seven beneficiaries feel betrayed and cheated by the producers because we believe that we upheld our responsibility to provide volunteers and volunteer support for the duration of the event. We believe that the producers did not fulfill their contracted obligations and, in fact, reneged on them.

In fact, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with each beneficiary clearly states that the beneficiary would get an equal share in 100 percent of the "proceeds." These proceeds were clearly stated to be funds collected at the entrance gates of the event. The MOUs also clearly state that costs for the event were to be fully provided by corporate sponsorship and from revenues generated from solicitations made in advertisements. In fact, costs far surpassed revenues and hence, all proceeds, meant for the beneficiaries, were used to cover costs.

With this letter, we, the seven beneficiaries, are making one demand of the production company of 1991's Pink Saturday so that we may consider the matter closed and the lessons learned.

We demand that the production company and the individual producers provide, within 90 days, an audited financial report of the books of Joker Productions, regarding Pink Saturday, completed by a Certified Public Accountant. We believe that the producers owe this to our communities.

Furthermore, we regret that some creditors have, to date, gone unpaid for their services rendered at the event and hope that, despite this, they will continue to work with our communities in the future and that they will help us to implement guidelines we have developed for beneficiaries of special events.

Benefit events that have high expectations are painful when the event is badly produced and beneficiaries do not receive what is promised. It is important that agencies and organizations maintain a healthy critical eye when agreeing to be beneficiaries of public events.

We have learned from this experience that better quality control, community monitoring and accountability are required for production companies that offer to raise money from events targeted toward the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities.

In an effort to begin the necessary dialogue about accountability to our communities, we have developed a set of guidelines that may prove helpful to other organizations asked to be beneficiaries of public events. These guidelines will serve us by setting a standard by which bad business practices and community exploitation are eliminated and good business practices and healthy partnership are supported and nurtured. These guidelines may be obtained from any of the undersigned.

We deeply appreciate the community support for the 1991 Pink Saturday event. We share the frustration that the money donated at the gates will not go to the designated community organizations. It is our hope that this letter and the receipt of the certified audit will bring this incident to a close.

As appointed representatives of our respective agencies, we are:

Barbara Cameron, CUAV, 864-3112
Randy Miller, EACH Program, 403-3800
Herb Felsenfeld, Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts, 554-0402
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Marlon Riggs Charges Pat Buchanan With Copyright Infringement

BY SIDNEY BRINKLEY

Two years after its premier, *Tongues Untied,* filmmaker Marlon Riggs' award-winning and controversial documentary about Black gay men, is once again before the public. However, its most recent presentation was made without Riggs' knowledge or approval. Republican presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan used scenes from the film as the basis for a televised campaign advertisement to illustrate what he called the Bush administration's funding and support of "blasphemous art."

While Riggs said he was not surprised that *Tongues Untied* would be singled out by Buchanan, what bothered him more was the way the film was edited and colorized by the Buchanan campaign. On March 5 Riggs had his attorney, San Francisco entertainment lawyer Peter Franck, forward a certified letter to Buchanan charging "copyright infringement."

The letter demanded Buchanan "immediately cease and desist all copying, colorizing, adapting and broadcast of all or any portion of my client's film *Tongues Untied.*" It ended requesting Buchanan respond in writing that the requested actions had been taken or face "further legal action."

Franck says Buchanan received a copy of the letter the following day while campaigning in San Antonio, Texas. As *SF Bay Times* goes to press, Buchanan has yet to respond.

According to Buchanan aide Guy Anderson, the commercial was not repeated in any of the other southern states such as Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana or Texas, which held primaries on "Super Tuesday," March 10. However, CNN stated that the ad *did* run in Mississippi and Texas the weekend before Super Tuesday.

"I don't know what Mr. Buchanan's response will be to the letter," he said, "but I doubt that we will run the ad again." He then read what he said was the official position of the Buchanan campaign on *Tongues Untied:*

"We have no interest in offending anybody. Sorry if we have," read the official Buchanan statement. "We just want to insure that not one more dime is spent on filth. The Bush administration gave $5,000 to the producer of this film and $250,000 to the program that aired it."

According to Riggs' attorney, the penalty for copyright infringement is "a fine of not more than $25,000 and imprisonment for not more than one year, or both." He also said that whether Buchanan uses the ad again or not, would not legally matter at this point, since the copyright infringement has already occurred.

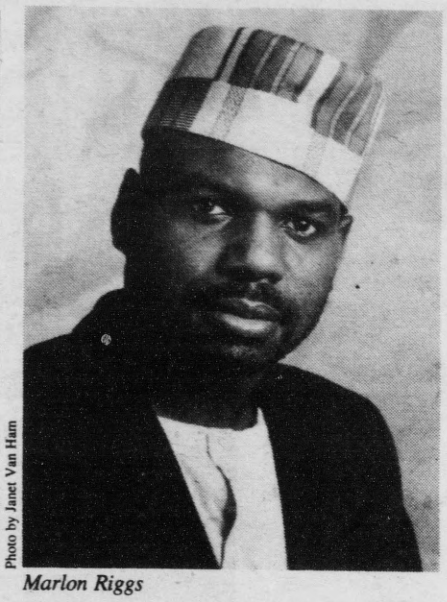


Photo by Janet Van Ham

Marlon Riggs

However, because of the high cost of litigation, Riggs said he would have to "frankly weigh" the feasibility of taking the case to court should the Buchanan campaign persist in running the commercial. "No one here has deep pockets," he said. "We certainly don't have access to the funds that the right would have. We would have to weigh the strength of the case and probably rely on the help of others in the legal profession."

THE COMMERCIAL

Buchanan's 15-second commercial features a scene that Riggs originally filmed at San Francisco's Folsom Street Fair and shows a crowd of white gay men, including a man in leather chaps with exposed buttocks. A rolling narration criticizing Bush and the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) was superimposed over the images. The ad claims the NEA under Bush "has glorified homosexuality, exploited children and perverted the image of Jesus Christ." The commercial ran for several days on local television stations in Georgia the week before that state's primary on Tuesday, March 3.

Riggs said he first learned of the ad on Thursday, Feb. 27, through phone calls from The People for The American Way and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, both of which had been monitoring the Buchanan campaign as a matter of routine.

"I can't say I was surprised, [after] all the craziness of last summer," Riggs said during an interview. He was referring to Sen. Jesse Helms' (R-N.C.) and other conservatives' attacks on the NEA. "This was just one of a number of tools used by people like Jesse Helms and Buchanan to beat [the] NEA into shape and determine its funding position." Last week Helms expanded his attack by denouncing the film during a Senate debate over funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

John Frohnmayer, the controversial director of the NEA who favored a more liberal approach to funding art projects, resigned last month reportedly under pressure from the Bush administration. Frohnmayer's resignation came after Buchanan's strong showing in the New Hampshire primary and his mounting criticism of Bush.

Riggs referred to Buchanan as "a loud mouth, pit bull homophobic." Said Riggs, "His homophobia is not new.... He has repeatedly said vicious and insulting things about people with AIDS. What is new is his use [of homophobia] to achieve presidential office. He is just using it to whip up hysteria."

Whatever Buchanan's reasons for using the clip from *Tongues Untied*, it apparently worked. Though he gained no delegates to the Republican National Convention in the Georgia primary, Buchanan garnered 36 percent of the Republican votes cast versus 64 percent for Bush. It remains his most impressive showing against Bush to date.

POINT OF VIEW

Tongues Untied was shown by PBS last July as part of its Point of View series. At that time several stations across the country refused to show the film. Riggs said one of the ongoing mistaken beliefs held about *Tongues Untied* is that it was an NEA funded film. "We didn't receive any funding directly from the NEA," he said. "It was a grant from the Western States Regional Fellowship, which is funded by a number of organizations, one of which happens to be the NEA. The award was for $5,000, which isn't very much."

In an article he wrote for the March 6 "Op-Ed" page of the *New York Times*, Riggs called *Tongues Untied* this year's "Willie Horton" and said it was more than just an insult to Blacks and gays. "The insult confronts all who now witness and are profoundly outraged by the quality of political—one hesitates to say presidential—debate," he wrote. "The vilest form of obscenity these days is in our nation's leadership."

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Oh, dearest Ann Landers, how can you try so hard and get it so wrong? On Sunday, March 8, Ann Landers printed a letter referring to two studies of identical twins which concluded that "homosexuality" may in fact be genetically decided. Thus Ann Landers suggests, "if people believed homosexuality were not merely an alternative lifestyle, but the result of genetics, there would be less hostility to the gay population." Landers then requested gay readers to send in a postcard saying they are either "Glad I'm gay" or "I would rather be straight."

"The poor dear is expressing confusion that a lot of people share," chortles Matt Coles, a gay rights attorney. "The notion that you can take 10 or 15 or 20 percent of the population and make generalizations about whether that population is happy or not, is charmingly naive. I think we should help her along."

To help our community's response along, *SF Bay Times*, in joint sponsorship with the *San Francisco Independent*, is printing a special postcard to Ann, inserted in all 40,000 copies of *Bay Times*. The cards say, "Yes, I am glad to be gay," so that you, our dear readers, can send one to Ann and help her see the light (and add a few remarks of your own).

Jill Tregor, of CUAV, says the postcard response is a great idea. "I was all set to respond when I read it in her column, but then I turned the page and forgot about it." DON'T DO THAT. Fill out the handy enclosed postcard and mail it in.

If you don't, someone else will. "When I saw it, I thought, great, the fundamentalists will bombard her with postcards," frets attorney Ben Schatz. "I am afraid she will have the Southern Baptist Church doing letter writing campaigns that will create a false impression that most of us don't want to be who we are."

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Gay and Lesbian Alternative Dispute Service Gets Underway

BY TIM KINGSTON

Splitting up with your lover, but want to deal with it so you can still talk to each other? Fed up with endless political backstabbing in the "community" and vicious rumor-mongering substituting for debate? Tired of electoral politics by accusation? Well, why not try the Gay and Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service. GLADRS is now open for business after a year of groundwork and planning.

The Gay and Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service is a specifically lesbian/gay/bisexual-oriented mediation panel designed to bring disputants together to discuss and identify points of contention so they may attempt to negotiate mutually beneficial resolutions. Amy Oppenheimer, an East Bay attorney and co-founder of GLADRS asserts, "The lesbian/gay community is in dire need of an alternative to the judicial system for solving disputes...in terms of relationships, dividing property in business relationships, and in terms of differences between organizations in the community."

Proponents of GLADRS offer two reasons for its existence. First, to provide an alternative for lesbians, gays and bisexuals who generally receive little, if any, support from the legal system when they try using the courts to resolve their differences. Second, GLADRS provides a venue for community organizations to resolve internal disputes and conflicts with other community groups before they explode in the headlines of the local media.

GLADRS has 35 trained volunteer mediators who will join three-member panels to hear each dispute. Larry Brinkin, a member of the GLADRS steering committee, says, "We want to empower our community. People in dispute do have the ability to come up with a solution. We will be asking the right questions and helping these disputants create a resolution."

Liz Dunn, a former attorney and mediator with the group, says, "We want to provide an environment that honors the relationship between Joe and Jim, and Susan and Sally, that respects these people and their choices without question." She adds, "We validate the relationships of the people that are involved—the courts don't."

Brinkin says the emphasis is on negotiating what is best for both parties. He also notes that mediation is not the same as going into arbitration, which involves hiring an appointed arbitrator who operates like a judge, listening to both sides and then handing down a decision binding on the parties involved.

Brinkin also says that GLADRS is committed to ensuring that the mediating panels are inclusive, and representative of as many groups in the lesbian/gay community as possible. Thus, GLADRS will be qualified to mediate disputes within—and between—those groups. Brinkin says that means "[involving] not just political people, but people involved in sports, the leather community, the AIDS service community, people who go to bars, [people] from all parts of the political spectrum, all ages, etc., so that all...people in the lesbian/gay/bisexual community will come to GLADRS."

Another facet of GLADRS not often found in either the courts or local mediation boards is a commitment to multiculturalism, both in principle and as a practical matter. At least eight hours of the 30-hour GLADRS mediator-volunteer training will be devoted to information and exercises dealing with cultural and racial issues that come up in interpersonal and intra-community disputes. Brinkin says the training involves teaching mediators the different ways people from different cultures communicate. "There are some Asian people who culturally say it is impolite to look people directly in the eye when you speak, [but] somebody from another culture might think it is impolite to *not* look someone in the eye when you speak to them. Sharing that kind of information is part of multicultural training."



Photo by Marc Geller

Liz Dunn and Larry Brinkin

WHY AN ALTERNATIVE?

Oppenheimer says she started toying with the idea of forming GLADRS as a result of family law work she has done over the past several years for lesbians and gay men who have property and custody disputes. "The legal system is not a good place for their cases. We try to make a bunch of laws apply when they don't fit," says Oppenheimer.

In many cases, not only are the courts unfamiliar with lesbian/gay issues, they are openly hostile. In child custody battles between lesbians, Maria Gil De La Madrid, staff attorney with the National Center for Lesbian Rights, says, "As far as children are concerned, the courts have absolutely refused to recognize a parental relationship between a non-biological parent and a child." In other cases, the courts have refused to recognize what are essentially divorce cases as family law disputes, which is where such cases would normally be tried in heterosexual marriages. Instead they try such cases as failed business partnerships.

Dunn says mediation is preferable to using the courts, for financial and emotional reasons. Where the courts require attorneys to act as their client's hired gun, mediation is by definition a cooperative effort. Dunn says, "If people want to do it equitably with each other, in a much more cost-efficient way, much less time-consuming and in a much less emotionally draining way, then mediation is a better alternative."

DISAGREE, DON'T DESTROY

On a broader community front, Eric Rofes, executive director of Shanti Project, says GLADRS is an "idea whose time has come." He says GLADRS is needed "so that there can be civil conduct in the community—so there can be respectful disagreement." Rofes pointed to the disagreements that broke out in the community over the trashing of the State Building after Wilson's veto of AB101, as an issue where GLADRS might have helped.

"[GLADRS] is very much needed," affirms Ben Schatz, a gay activist attorney. "There is an enormous amount of tension and backbiting within organizations, and much of it is unspoken." Schatz even wondered if the presence of GLADRS could have eased the battles that wracked National Gay Rights Advocates—where Schatz used to work. Schatz says, "I don't know if this would have helped with NGRA, but it would have been nice to have it available."

On Friday, March 27, GLADRS is hosting a Grand Opening Reception, 5-7pm at Bronson, Bronson & McKinon, 505 Montgomery St, 2nd floor. Food and entertainment—for complete info call 552-4135.

Truce Reached In Battle Over Flyering in the Castro

BY TIM KINGSTON

The simmering dispute between the clean-freak merchants of Castro Street and club owners and all others who assert a god-given right to plaster every available light-pole with posters and flyers may finally be over—for the time being, at least. An interim solution, proposed and adopted at a Feb. 27 meeting, involves club owners hiring an individual to strip the lamp-posts every Tuesday to further the innate beauty of the Castro.

"It is a good idea," says Nikki Rivera, a promoter of Fusion and Faster Pussy Cat dance clubs. "It will work. I suggested it. If we are the ones putting paper up on poles, we should be the ones to take 'em down." Quartknee, the promoter of Toon Town and Care Free, is pleased by the proposal because, "If everyone agrees to pay someone [to take flyers down], it shows that we have listened. Until something better comes along we will do this."

In addition, club promoters agreed to try and restrain their postering to one flyer per pole. But given the degree of hilarity that resulted when the word "self-restraint" was mentioned, the success of that element of the plan looks somewhat uncertain. The meeting was attended by representatives of ten of the larger dance club operators—including Fusion, Faster Pussy Cat, the Pleasuredome, Uranus and Girl Spot—and Carlos Abruzzese, of the Castro Community and Business Alliance. Page Hodel of The Box was not present, but Bill Camillo of Pleasuredome says The Box will be helping to pay for the official pole-stripper.

Camillo says, "[The clubowners] function as ex-officio merchants in that neighborhood. Most of our clientele walk through that neighborhood, and they shop for different clubs by looking at the poles. A relationship exists between the clubs and a large number of stores on the street. Every clothing store has ties to the clubs. [The stores] realize a lot of the clothes sales go to those who

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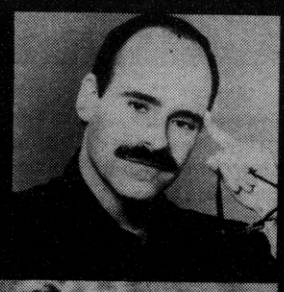
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authors of *Lesbian/Woman: 20th Anniversary Edition*
Tuesday, March 31st at 7:30 p.m.
Partners for 38 years, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon have consistently pioneered for lesbian and women's rights. They founded the Daughters of Bilitis, the first-ever lesbian organization, and also the Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Other gay activists describe them as almost mythological, as role models and "mothers of the movement." Before the Stonewall Rebellion and in all the years since, Martin and Lyon have been fighting for lesbian liberation. Please join us as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary Edition of their landmark book, *Lesbian/Woman* with a reading and booksigning.



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A Key Decade for Latin American Gays and Lesbians

BY LUCIEN CHAUVIN

LIMA, PERU

For many Latin American gays and lesbians, the 1990s will be a key decade in the fight for liberation. Although organized groups are only a small minority, they are setting the stage for a continent-wide movement.

Latin America's first gay and lesbian groups were formed in Mexico and Brazil in the 1970s, and currently both countries host the largest number of gay liberation groups. Today, there are formal and informal gay rights groups in almost every other country.

Currently, there are more than ten strong gay rights groups active in Brazil. The Gay Group of Bahia (GGB), based in Salvador in the central coastal state of Bahia, and the Pink Triangle Group and Atoba in Rio de Janeiro, are the most influential groups in the country.

For more than a decade the GGB has been involved in raising public awareness about the struggles of gays and lesbians and, as a result, it has also been involved in the fight against the spread of AIDS. In Bahia, as in most of Brazil, blame for the spread of AIDS is laid at the feet of gay men. This attitude continues to hold sway, despite the fact that recent studies show that heterosexual women represent the highest number of new AIDS cases in the country. According to a recent study by Pablo Roberto Teixeira, in 1985 homosexual men represented 66 percent of AIDS cases; in 1991 only 24 percent of reported AIDS cases were among gay men.

In Rio de Janeiro, Pink Triangle and Atoba have played key roles in gaining recognition for the country's gay and lesbian movement. Atoba distributes pamphlets that read "Homosexuality is not an illness! It's not a crime! It's not a sin, nor a punishment! Defend your rights!" Although both groups have been legally recognized by authorities, they continue to encounter repression.

In mid-1991, the three groups announced at a joint press conference that in the past ten years more than 700 gays and lesbians have been assassinated. As in other Latin countries, the adage that it is "better to be dead than gay" is one of the reasons why a majority of gay murders go unsolved. Similar to the murder of street children —more than 4,600 street children have been killed in Brazil in the past four years, according to official statistics—the assassination of gays and lesbians is not important to the Brazilian police.

According to Pink Triangle's Joao Mascarenhas, the murder of street children and homosexuals is based on "the same inspiration." The authors of these killings are "groups that act in the name of society's health, in the same way as the Nazis."

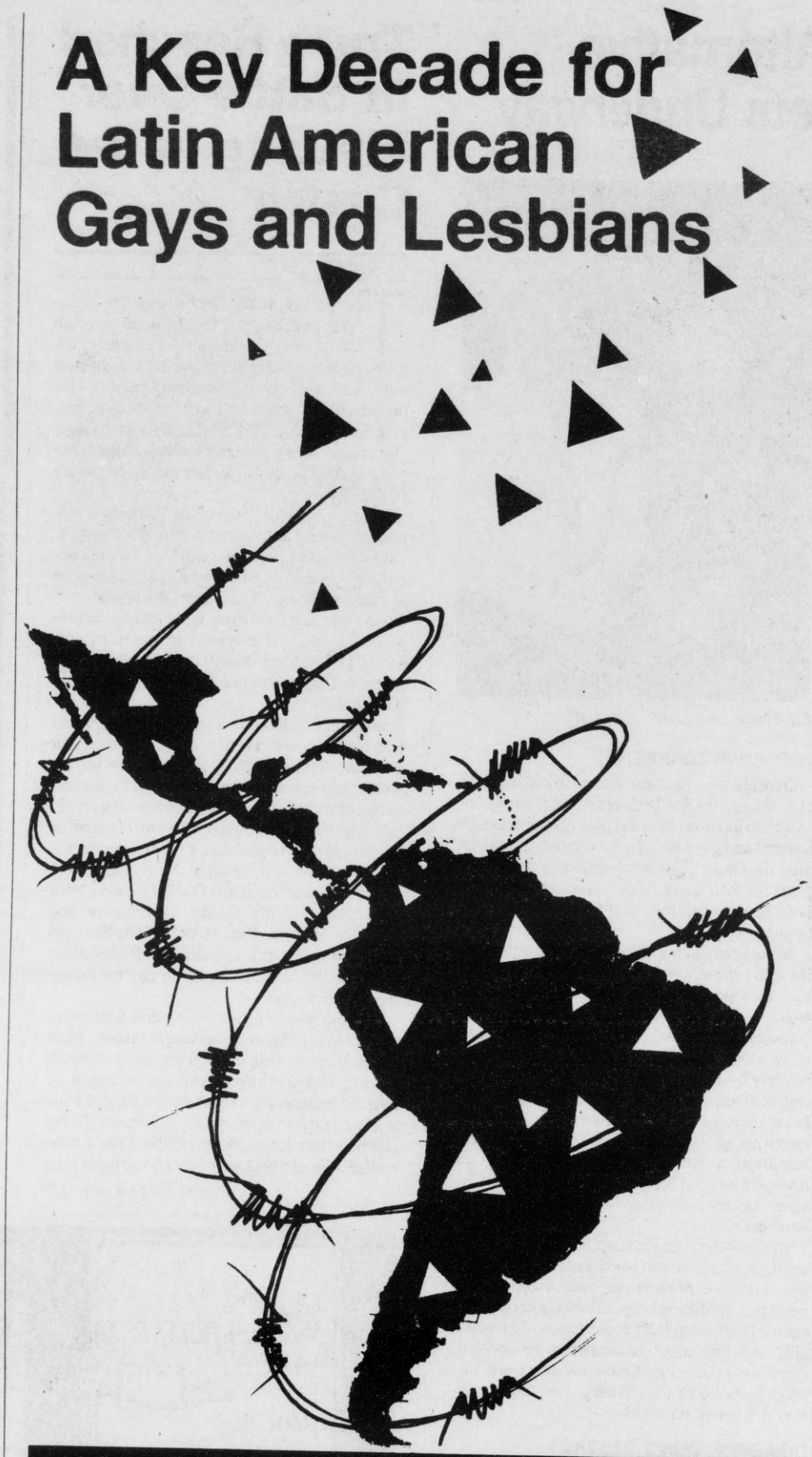
IMPROVEMENT IN MEXICO

The situation in Mexico, although not ideal, is one of the most positive in Latin America for gays and lesbians. There are now more than 60 gay and lesbian groups scattered throughout the country. According to Fernando Blasco, who works with an AIDS solidarity group, "The gay movement is definitely gaining strength. I think this is due to a new spirit of openness—people are no longer as closed as they used to be—there are openings for dialogue that didn't exist in the past."

A testament to the strength of Mexico's gay movement was the European-based International Lesbian and Gay Association's (ILGA) decision to hold its 1991 conference in the northern Mexican state of Guadalajara. Although the ILGA eventually ran into difficulties with Guadalajara's government and was forced to hold only a "solidarity meeting" in the port city of Acapulco, the event generated both national and international support for the conference's Mexican hosts.

"The conference was revolutionary in Mexico, especially in Guadalajara. As a movement, we did not keep quiet when the mayor of Guadalajara forced us to cancel the conference. Because of national and international press coverage, when the conference was cancelled the whole world learned about Mexico's gay movement," Blasco said.

One of the participants at the Acapulco meeting was Rebecca Sevilla, executive director of Peru's Homosexual Movement of Lima (MHOL). According to Sevilla, the fact that the ILGA decided to hold its annual conference in Mexico is a positive sign for the region's gays and lesbians.



"There have been definite advances in the struggle for gay and lesbian liberation in Latin America, but there is still a long way to go and lots of work to be done," she said.

"There exists a process within the gay and lesbian groups in Latin America that has different characteristics from those on other continents. The fight in Latin America—the recognition of the rights of gays and lesbians—is very much tied to the general struggle for human rights in context of adverse political, economic and social situations," Sevilla added.

CAUGHT UP IN THE VIOLENCE IN PERU

Peru offers a perfect example of the adverse conditions Latin America's gay and lesbian groups confront. For more than two decades, Peruvians have been listening to their leaders talk about the nation's "crisis." The country's economic lot has been declining since the early 1970s when the military government of Gen. Juan Velasco instituted sweeping reforms without the mechanisms to back them up.

The return to democracy in 1980 did little to alleviate economic chaos. That same year the Maoist Shining Path guerrilla group launched its first attack. Now in its 12th year, the Shining Path's war against the state has resulted in more than 23,000 deaths and has cost the state an estimated U.S. $19 billion.

"I think the situation in the country will continue to get worse and will present great challenges to gays and lesbians," said Sevilla.

Peru's gays and lesbians have also been caught up in the country's climate of violence. In the past two years more than 40 transvestites have been killed on Lima's streets by groups known as "mata cabros," or "kill faggots." The leader of the communist rebel group, Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA), has openly declared that homosexuals are not tolerated by his organization. In 1990, MRTA killed nine gay men only because they were gay.

In addition to political violence, the economy continues to deteriorate, placing even the most basic things out of most people's reach. "With an average monthly salary of $40, people just can't survive. In MHOL, for example, our budget cannot keep pace with an inflation rate that was more than 7,000 percent in 1990," Sevilla added.

In spite of the country's serious woes, MHOL has made great strides in the past several years. The group has grown from the handful of activists who founded it in 1985 to involving more than 500 people a month in workshops, seminars and social events.

MHOL also runs one of the strongest AIDS prevention programs in Latin America. The group operates an AIDS hotline, Si-DAYUDA, which is staffed by more than a dozen volunteers who answer more than 100 calls a month. A team of promoters hands out information about AIDS and free condoms throughout Lima. At the end of 1991, MHOL was distributing more than 70,000 condoms and 30,000 pamphlets.

Although AIDS prevention is only a small part of MHOL's work, it has been the motivating force behind several of Latin America's nascent gay liberation movements. "I think the AIDS crisis, for example, is an element that makes the process in Latin America different," Sevilla said.

AIDS ORGANIZING IN ECUADOR

In Ecuador the AIDS crisis was the spark that brought a group of gay men together. In 1989, five gay men formed SOGA, an AIDS prevention group, as a way to support the gay community and offer medical and psychological counseling, as well as "safe sex" workshops.

One of the first things SOGA did was take an informal survey of the sexual attitudes of Ecuador's gay male population. They discovered that the moralistic values, including homophobia, of the general population were also prevalent in the gay community. According to the survey, gay men believed that the active partner in a sexual relationship was "a man" and the passive partner "a woman." In addition, 96 percent of those questioned said they prefer relationships with "heterosexual" men.

In addition to the negative attitude toward gays and lesbians and the stigma that AIDS is a "gay disease," SOGA's work is hampered by antiquated laws that discriminate against homosexuals.

According to SOGA founder Orlando Montoya, Ecuador's homosexuals first "need to deal with the problem of the police before they begin to talk about AIDS."

Article 516 of the Ecuadoran Penal Code criminalizes homosexual acts between consenting adults. The maximum penalty is eight years in prison. Although the law is rarely enforced, police use it as a way to harass gays and lesbians and keep any gay liberation movement underground. In December, reports began circulating in Quito that eight homosexuals had been killed in what appeared to be death squad-style executions.

RELAXING REPRESSION IN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

Similar to Ecuador, Chile's Penal Code also criminalizes homosexuality. Article 365 of Chile's Penal Code imposes a penalty of up to five years in jail for homosexual acts between consenting adults.

The former military government of Gen. Augusto Pinochet, who ran the country for more than 17 years, considered homosexuality a threat to the family and the state and, therefore, it was punishable. Homosexuals, as well as left-wing politicians, human rights activists, students and progressive church workers, were forced to flee the country or be added to the more than 3,000 who "disappeared" in the years following Pinochet's 1973 coup.

Under President Patricio Aylwin, who was elected in 1990, there appears to be a relaxing state of repression. In late November 1991, for example, a group of homosexual men who work in

AIDS prevention organized a three-day national meeting of gays and lesbians in the northern city of Valparaiso. Despite the new openness, the one gay liberation movement, the lesbians collective Ayuquelen, has all but disbanded. Currently only two women are working to keep the collective alive.

In Argentina, which has traditionally been hostile to gays and lesbians, there is also a new openness on the part of the government.

In late November, Argentine Interior Minister Jose Luis Manzano admitted that homosexuals were discriminated in his country and promised legal recognition of gay groups. "In Argentina there is an underlying discrimination against homosexuals," said Manzano.

During a trip to the United States, President Carlos Saul Menem said that if First World societies accepted homosexuals, then Argentina should do the same. "Argentina cannot put a wall in the path of time," said Menem.

The Homosexual Community of Argentina (CHA) first petitioned the state for recognition in 1989 but was turned down. The judge said that he "could not make room for a hybrid gender." A second CHA petition was also rejected because, according to the judge, "the group doesn't adhere to the demands of the common good."

It remains to be seen if the government's recognition will lead to a lessening of discrimination of gays and lesbians within the society. Although there is a growing gay scene in Buenos Aires and other cities, it remains basically underground. Many gays and lesbians are afraid to publicly express their homosexuality out of fear of societal rejection or violence.

The Canadian government's mid-January decision to grant refugee status to an Argentine homosexual fleeing violence is proof that violence against gays is still strong. Jorge Alberto Inaudi fled to Canada after being arrested, raped and tortured several times because he was gay.

Repression continues to be strongly felt by gays and lesbians in Bolivia and Colombia. Although homosexuality is legal in both countries, gays and lesbians are faced with violence and harassment that appears to be sanctioned by the state.

In Bolivia gays are afraid to meet because of police repression. In 1989, for example, the police raided a private house party where a Miss Gay contest was being held. Everyone was arrested. More recently, in October 1991 at the Colombia bar in Santa Cruz, the police appeared and lined everyone up against the wall. They went down the row and arrested anyone who looked effeminate. The local press was on hand when the police marched their catch out to waiting buses.

The police are also very much aware of the social stigma against gays and lesbians and use this to their advantage. There are numerous cases of gay men who have paid bribes to the police so that they would not tell their family or employer that they are gay. "A Stonewall isn't ready to happen in Bolivia. People need to get angry enough and have some sort of public leverage," said an American who is doing missionary work in Bolivia.

There is, however, the beginning of a liberation movement in Cochabamba in central Bolivia. In mid-January, a group of gay men printed up 100 posters that included a copy of an article stating that homosexuality was not an illness. The posters were then plastered around the city—but at 1 am so the men would not be seen and harassed.

The situation in Colombia continues to be one of the most violent for gays and lesbians in the world. The now-defunct gay rights group, Grupo de Ambiente, claimed that more than 300 gay men were killed between 1986—90. In recent years right-wing death squads have openly stated that homosexuals, along with left-wing politicians, drug users and street children, are a scourge and need to be wiped out.

In response to a report of homosexual murders, in a recent press release ILGA Information Secretary Micha Ramakers said, "These murders are an appalling violation of gay and lesbian human rights. The lack of investigation is equally shocking. The Colombian government has the duty to undertake action to put a stop to these vicious murders and to ensure respect for human rights of all its citizens."

GROWING SOLIDARITY

Although the situation of Latin America's gays and lesbians at times seems dark, as is the case of Colombia, there is a growing current of solidarity between the continent's groups. Latin America's gay and lesbian activists will be meeting in Managua, Nicaragua, for example, early this year to discuss strategies for increased solidarity and human rights actions. It is the first ever international conference of Latin gays and lesbians.

Achieving gay and lesbian liberation in the machista society will be difficult. The economic and political conditions that MHOL's Sevilla pointed out make the struggle in Latin America even more challenging. The situation is changing, however, and although violence will most likely continue in the 1990s, most Latin activists see hope on the horizon.

objected to hiking up the permit price, even if an exemption clause is included, saying it was an undemocratic restriction that might ultimately discourage citizens from shutting down their own streets.

While most present were happy with the focus of the meeting, Whitefeather and New Stonewall's Gil Block (a.k.a. Sister Sadie, Sadie the Rabbi Lady) had a few words to say about last year. Block asserted that in January 1991, the people controlling Joker Productions had told New Stonewall: "Oh, we have more power and strength than you do. We will take this away from you and then put it on. And then we will do it forever!"'

Cutler told Block and Whitefeather that she did not understand how New Stonewall had originally received the street closing permit for last year's Pink Saturday, only to have it wind up in the hands of Joker Production. "The problems you suffered last year with the process—I have gone back to check it—have never happened before. It was one of the first times we have had conflicting representation for an event." Cutler explained that in the past her department has never had to verify if an individual claiming to represent a group wanting to close down a street actually belonged to that organization.

Joe Caruso, of Project Open Hand, added, "It is imperative to keep track of the money... When you have fraud, the big bucks will not back the event again. If we have that happening, there will be fewer events, and less money will be coming forward, and there will be longer waiting lists at Open Hand."

The next meeting for those interested will occur at City Hall, Room 249, at 9:30 am on Friday, March 13.



PALM SPRINGS: Dinah Shore Weekend Campout
March 27 to March 29, 1992

A new event has been organized for this year's Dinah Shore Weekend. A Campout at beautiful Lake Cahuilla (pronounced KA-WEE-YA) in La Quinta.
This county park is nestled in one of the most majestic of the natural coves that surround the Palm Springs desert area. It is approximately a 20-30 minute drive to the famous golf tournament and Cathedral City bar area.

Lake Cahuilla is a large man-made lake and is stocked with various kinds of fish. Swimming and boating is allowed on the lake. No gas or diesel-powered boats, but all others (canoes, sailboats, rowboats etc.) are allowed. A fishing derby will be one of the organized activities offered during the weekend. Other activities in the grassy shady park include a fun dog show, volleyball and softball games, hikes and of course, evening sing-a-longs around the campfire. Bar-b-que pits, picnic tables and fire rings are available. The white sandy beach area will be perfect for those who wish to relax and catch some sun.

Ranch of the 7th Range Stables is located 1/2 mile from the Lake Cahuilla campgrounds. Horseback riding times can be arranged by calling them direct (619) 564-1414.

Pay showers are available. Facilities with mirrors and electricity will be available for those who wish to "primp" before going out.

The cost of this event is only $65.00 per person for three days and two nights of fun. $85.00 after March 20. Fishing privileges and two continental breakfasts are included. The price is the same for all campers whether they are using tents or RV's. (RV's should be self-contained.) Dogs are allowed ($5.00 each) to be with the campers who are in an RV. The event is open to those who just want to come for the day at a cost of $10.00 (which also includes a fishing permit). Those wishing to fish should bring their own gear and license.

Lake Cahuilla is located close enough to stores and restaurants (and even a hospital) that campers will be able to have the best of both worlds!
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AIDS is with us still.



Over dinner, my friend Gerard suggested that "consciousness raising will need to be done around the fact that, though this is reality, and perhaps the only reality fags and dykes in their late teens and early twenties may know, *this is not the way it's supposed to be.*"

By Dave Ford

Unrelenting, omnipotent, it bangs and harangues us, a systematic weed dissolving rational thought, sensual desire, emotional stability, spiritual tranquility. Its persistence confounds governments, political movements, health specialists. Its tenacious killing swath frightens and humbles laypeople and experts alike.

AIDS is with me still. Not in my body (that I know of), but in friends, role models, community leaders. It has changed, and continues to change, the way I think, fuck, feel and pray. Its persistence confounds me; its killing swath frightens me. The very fact of its existence seems boring, banal; or incomprehensible, terrifying. I walk in fury; I think in black pictures; I sob into my pillow. There is nothing so spooky as that which stays with me daily, haunting me tauntingly, smirking around a corner before disappearing down a dark alley. AIDS is normal; AIDS is expected; AIDS is obvious; AIDS is endless.

Yet as my friend Gerard said over dinner the other night, "This is *not* the way it's supposed to be."

AIDS is with us still.

I met my best friend Chris when I moved to San Francisco in 1983. AIDS was but a dim reality then. Chris was a year older and light years more city-schooled than I. With him, I put the finishing touches on my coming out. We hung out with a rogueish group of homos, partying at the Stud, enjoying rooftop barbeques, seeing lots of rock 'n' roll bands. It was the first time I'd ever felt part of a community that fully welcomed me. I had friends to love and places to go. I was in San Francisco, gay mecca!

I assumed—and loved the assumption—that I'd grow old with those people. Chris and I joked about sitting on the porch at the Old Queens' Home, dishing other residents and sipping iced tea delivered by cute, Speedo-clad lads. Each event—party, midnight conversation, fight, concert—shone with the secret and jubilant sense that it was another piece of the continually forming puzzle of our shared history. We were building memories even as we were having fun and living life.

I began writing professionally in 1985; by then, journalists in the *New York Native* and the local gay papers had begun detailing the dizzying blizzard of baffling statistics and treatment possibilities, while writers like Andrew Holleran and Mike Hippler delineated AIDS' effect on gay men five to ten years my senior. It seemed like a different generation: they'd lived full-blast liberation in the '70s, but now suffered untold losses—of friends, health, sanity—at the hands of this sinister and unpredictable killer.

Though angry and helpless, I mostly felt removed, distanced back then. I became a media critic partly to channel my fury. I wasn't suited to churning out endlessly researched manifestos on unpronounceable diseases and baroquely acronymned treatments, but I could spot mediatic homophobia in an SF second. My work helped me feel, however faintly, that I was abetting the battle against what seemed an essentially unsurmountable foe.

As we all wrote and published, yelled and screamed, the toll mounted.

Then Chris died—five years ago this month. He went quickly: ARC diagnosis in September, death six months later. It twisted my head like a fast right hook. More than being just an intimation of things to come, Chris's death ripped away an irreplaceable piece of my heart. He was my first casualty.

But aside from him, a favorite bartender and a few very distant acquaintances, I lost no one. My friends remained untouched, unaffected, and the waiting weighed me down. I felt like I was reading news reports of a killer tornado demolishing the next county: I knew it was a matter of when, not if, it would hit my town. But I had no control over its arrival. "I keep waiting for the axe to fall," I kept saying in the '80s.

During "the ACT UP years"—the activist explosion between '87 and '91—I continued to distance myself intellectually from the disease. Oh, I cried a lot, but essentially I put my fear and pain on hold. After all, *eventually*, the government would come around: funding would appear, experts would go to work, a cure or vaccine would be discovered and we'd all be better—right? *Eventually*, society would bust its denial, understand our trauma and extend a loving hand—right? *Eventually*, the dying would stop—right?

Wrong.

After four years, I looked around some demo, saw the same whistles and placards and tank tops and anguished faces, and I thought, "It's still going *on*! What the fuck is *wrong* with this picture?"

Nothing that a little reality check won't further confound— because now, the tornado has hit; the axe has definitely fallen. My ex-roommate Del died last year. So did Roger, a rocker buddy, and Rob, a former fuck buddy and a lovely friend. My friend Patrick died in January. An ex-lover is very sick. Another dear friend is battling bouts of pneumocystis. Another is haggard but hanging on. Other friends talk about nightsweats, diarrhea, disability payments and day-long naps. Countless other friends are asymptomatic HIV-positive. And just this year, we've lost Chicago cartoonist Daniel Sotomayer and editor *extraordinaire* George Stambolian.

This onslaught has precipitated a complete restructuring of my thinking about AIDS. Those shared histories I formed with Chris and the rest are now but a memory. I no longer trust the historical process: I live a day at a time. Cliche though it sounds, the loss *has* brought me closer to life: all this may disappear tomorrow, so I do my best to embrace it today. But I'm close to few people with whom I have more than a couple of years' history. My parents enjoyed 40-year friendships with pals; here in my mid-30s, I'm constantly initiating new friendships.

When I saw Canadian artist David McLean's excellent AIDS-themed performance "Quarantine of the Mind" at Josie's last winter, I emerged angry and mystified. Remembering the humorous and poignant sketches about HIV support groups, lovers' conversations, testing fears and the rest, I snapped to a friend, "Oh, it's all been *done*. Christ, I was reading Andrew Holleran writing all that shit in *Christopher Street* years ago. It seemed so '80s!"

My friend gently pointed out that everything the play had covered was affecting my life *right now*. He was right. Angry, scared and hurt, I was distancing myself in a way that had nominally worked until then: by intellectualizing and dismissing it artistically.

The truth was, and is, that living with AIDS all around us is painful unto infinity. Words fail when I try to portray the Star-Trekky, Twilight Zoney, surrealistic notion of "AIDS reality." It's nearly impossible to comprehend, much less detail, a medical, social and emotional holocaust on this scale. Like the tick on the elephant trying to describe even a hair, deconstructing AIDS in society seems impossible, senseless. Just trying to unravel the labyrinthine bureaucracy around, say, drug trials or medical advances is a defeatingly Sisyphean task, as inane as trying to touch the sky. How much more difficult to limn the intricate and infinitesimal temperamental modulations that characterize a reaction to AIDS and its variegated effects.

I mean, how do you describe a shattering heart?

Recently, AIDS activist groups have (temporarily) splintered under the weight of understandable burnout and fractious infighting (the kind of thing that happens when you're confronting death, and a society's willful ignorance of it, 24 hours a day). The medical community has all but thrown up its hands in despair. Conservatives continue to thwart basic AIDS education in schools rather than face teenagers' natural sexual curiousity. As AIDS permeates society, silence alternates with mediated panic.

And George Bush, who just swooped into California to pick up a couple million re-election bucks, has not done *one fucking thing* to shift society's consciousness about the disease. Nor has he shown research and funding leadership. Not that he's the only one. With the exception of Jerry Brown, the presidential candidates have said little about the disease: it's not an "electable" topic.

Patrick Buchanan, the former columnist who calls AIDS "nature's retribution" on gays, has Bush running so scared, and pushed so far to the right, that Bush fired the head of the NEA to forestall Buchanan's expected attacks on NEA grants to "immoral" (read: queer) artists when the two campaigned in the South this spring. If nothing else has, this made it abundantly, depressingly clear that Bush will do anything to hold onto his office.

I was 23 when Ronald Reagan was elected president: the conservative revolution in America—with its repulsively anti-social policies—has informed, affected and defined my entire adult life. Its continuation under George Bush—for the last four years and, predictably, the next four—and the resultant refusal to act on the AIDS crisis have the reality-dissolving effect of chronic abuse: I *know* what I see, hear and feel, yet that reality is denied at every turn in the government's public discourse (or lack of it) on AIDS. Simpering paens to abstinence, marginalizing cracks about AIDS activists and the assertion that "I haven't done enough" define the sum total of George Bush's response to the disease. It's as disgusting a legacy as Ronald Reagan's: both men, jockeying for historical position and bloated by the flummery of office, have wound up with the blood of millions on their hands.

And the dying goes on.

Suddenly, it's awfully windy in here.

If my adulthood has been demarcated by death as the result of a passive-aggressive Republican killing spree, at least I remember a time before AIDS; part of my thinking shift has to do with coping with a new reality that's both horrifying and inexplicable.

For a new generation of gays and lesbians, however, not only is AIDS a persistent reality that's existed since before they were actively sexual, but so are its attendant effects: death, pain, sadness, numbness. Over dinner, my friend Gerard suggested that "consciousness raising will need to be done around the fact that, though this is reality, and perhaps the only reality fags and dykes in their late teens and early twenties may know, *this is not the way it's supposed to be.*" It's shocking and depressing to recognize that there are no neat generational boundaries around AIDS:

in conversations with 21-year-old friends, I hear the same muted resignation, numb despair and premature wisdom I've heard from friends my age and older.

More shocking and depressing than any other is the recognition that AIDS is going to rip up the turf behind me just as it did the field before me. Last year's alarming and terrifying statistics of unusually high seroconversion rates among 18—25-year-old gay men brought home—with a wind-ripping sucker punch—the truth that a whole new generation may go down. "For a while, I thought we'd battle this thing, then tell the next generation of fags and dykes about the war," Gerard sighed. "When I read that story about the seroconversion rates, I burst into tears in the middle of Cafe Flore. It had never occurred to me that this thing would go on in this way."

What I *can* do is to keep working. I worried, as I planned this essay, about sounding redundant or cliche-ridden. Andrew Holleran and Mike Hippler and the rest said it all; what could I add to the static? But those earlier writers detailed life in the first onslaught. My contemporaries and I, on the other hand, are recording the *enduring* reality of AIDS in the '90s. Mine is a story of recurring waves, restructured thinking, reconstituted awareness, undreamed of horrors and unrealized joys.

What I *can* do, therefore, is to put one word in front of the other and trudge on. I can ask for a hug when I need it, offer a hug when one's asked for. I can hold friends' hands, yell and scream, dance hard, cry, fight, laugh a lot, wish and pray, hum aloud, make my bed, return phone calls, pay bills, see movies, do my laundry, listen to a distraught friend, eat out, buy CDs, get a massage, tell a friend I love him or her, pay taxes, cuddle with someone special.

AIDS is with us still. And I can't make AIDS go away.

But I won't let AIDS make life go away, either.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

A Critical Look At Liberalism & the Outwrite Surprise

Commentary by Thom Bean



Poet Assoto Saint was among those protesting the selection process for the Joseph Beam Memorial Award.

The surprise is: There will be no prize! Assoto Saint called me. He said he had just spoken to Essex Hemphill about the Joseph Beam Memorial Award. It seems no Black writer was nominated. No Black writer was nominated to win the award that carries the name of the late Joseph Beam, the editor of the anthology *In the Life* and publisher of *Black/Out*.

On the back cover of *In the Life*, Joseph Beam observed: " In the life,' " an expression which means being gay, is also the title of this collection of writings in which 29 authors explore what it means to be doubly different—both Black and gay—in modern America." Clearly inclusion and support of Black gay writers was of primary importance to Beam.

Both Hemphill and Saint were contributors to the anthology and close friends of Beam. "Even though we don't always agree with each other, there is a colony of Black artists and writers who pay attention to each other when nobody else does; rally around a common cause. Most of us have made the experience of being both Black and gay central in our writing," says Saint.

Sasha Allyson, of Allyson Publications, Inc., was to provide the annual $1,000 award in memory of Beam. Allyson published *In the Life* as well as the sequel, *Brother to Brother*, edited by Essex Hemphill. Allyson put Jeffrey Escoffier, publisher of *Out/Look*, in charge of administrating this award. The award was to be presented at the national writers conference "Outwrite '92," to be held in Boston the weekend of March 13—16.

But now that the award policy has been questioned, the Joseph Beam Memorial Award has been put on hold until it can be further discussed during Outwrite '92. Scheduled for discussion are issues of manipulation, invisibility and emasculation of Black gay men as a result of how the award process has thus far been handled.

"This is an outrageous emasculization of Black gay men," says Saint. "Joseph Beam would have been outraged. Here they have the Joseph Beam Memorial Award and not one book nominated is by a Black lesbian or gay writer!" Saint went on to say that no Black gay men were involved in the planning selection process.

Black lesbian and gay writers who will not be in attendance, for whatever reason, at this year's Outwrite '92 conference reads like a Who's Who list: Audre Lourde, Barbara Smith and Marlon Riggs.

Essex Hemphill lived in the home of Joseph Beam's mother while editing *Brother to Brother*. According to Hemphill, Mrs. Beam is not pleased that her son's name has not been used as an award to encourage other Black gay writers—especially in the absence of encouragement elsewhere. Many writers such as Hemphill, Saint, Barbara Smith, Alan Bell and this writer have self-published because of the lack of support of Black gay literature.

There appears to be some confusion as to the purpose of this award and who is eligible. When asked who is eligible, Escoffier replied, "There are no restrictions." Yet Sabrina Sojourner, the only African American of the five judges said, "I received a list of books from which to choose. We had no choice beyond what was already on the list." Escoffier claims this "list" was developed by the "Outwrite Planning Committee." However, in a phone interview with Mike Bronsky, editor of the Boston weekly *Gay Community News* (co-sponsor of Outwrite '92), he emphasized: "The Outwrite Planning Committee here in Boston had no part in the selection of candidates for this award. We assumed those selections were made by the *Out/Look* people." This almost sounds as contrived as the equal employment opportunity selection of *Out/Look* editors. But I digress.

Sojourner says she is pleased with the books nominated on the list she received from Escoffier. She felt the award should not be limited to just African Americans. "There should be more awards. There should be more than one award named after a person of color. The writings of Blacks justifies having a general award named in recognition of their many accomplishments. Just one award would ghettoize participation if (awards) only went to a specific group of people."

Essex Hemphill, on the other hand, feels, "No acknowledgement of the Black identity with this award is an act of erasure, given Joseph Beam's standing in the Black gay community. None of us have anything against the titles nominated. It's just the inappropriate use of an icon's name. It should be the Snow White award. I am sick and tired of the falsity of having to correct white people who claim to represent me.

"I am sick and tired of being manipulated," Hemphill continued. "Obviously, Mrs. Beam wants to be supportive of her deceased son. At first when she was asked about the award by Allyson Publications, she declined. Not taking no for an answer, Allyson got Jeff Escoffier to ask her again for an award which Allyson will pay, but which will not specifically encourage Black gay writers. They didn't even bother to confirm the arrangement in writing. They picked who they wanted. And as a sign of utter disrespect, *Out/Look* sent her [Mrs. Beam] her airline tickets and accommodations without so much as a note as to her part in this, who would pick her up at the airport or anything. They want to use her presence to legitimize their shabbiness." It is unknown as to whether Mrs. Beam will attend as of this writing.

The ongoing status of the Joseph Beam Memorial Award is still in progress. No book nominated by a Black writer. And two of the seven nominated were published by Allyson. Who decided that? And if this award is to be self-congratulatory, why not give the award to Essex Hemphill for *Brother to Brother?* The Outwrite '92 brochure claims the Joseph Beam Award "will be presented for a work of outstanding social impact." Who is to decide which works do that? Evidently nobody told Escoffier about the impact Black writers were having this year. And who is to resolve the questions raised which go unanswered?

The difference in impact between AIDS, Jesse Helms, those who mean Black gay men well, those who would select our heroes for us (and make our decisions), and those who would have a hole open in the earth and swallow us, sometimes seems slight. The constructive conclusions that have come from this interchange so far:

Hemphill: "We need some of our own things. This should not be an award for just a book. This should be an award which encourages and nurtures all Black writers."

Saint: "The greatest task before us is to empower ourselves, to not be afraid to stand up and be counted."

Sojourner: "We need to find new ways of encouraging our participation. There should be more publishers than there are interested in publishing our work."

Black people have been conditioned to be inclusive. Sometimes we have difficulty with owning something of our own. There is a Black renaissance going on. We need to trust ourselves to tell our own stories, our truths. We need to continue developing our own empowerment, channels of communication, and not allow white liberals to manipulate us. White liberals can be blind to their own racism. They get the theory, but they don't get the practice of dialogue, how to socialize, how to respect difference and not usurp the rights of others.

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Thousands of women marched through San Francisco on International Women's Day

Women March In Resistance

Thousands of women marked International Women's Day with a march from the Embarcadero up to Aquatic Park on March 7. Commemorating "500 Years of Resistance Through Women's Eyes," the demonstration tied in demands for women's self-determination with the struggles of indigenous peoples to resist the colonization begun with Columbus' arrival in 1492.

After a rally at Justin Herman Plaza, the march moved up Columbus Avenue, passing such landmarks as the INS, Washington Square Park, the Gold Rush district, and noted their significance as symbols of oppression of women and people of color throughout U.S. history. The march's position on this was expressed in its literature with the statement: "We defy the misrepresentation of the major conquerors and patriarchs of history as well-intentioned heroes." A sign near the park read "Women defy the founding fathers."

Police cars and motorcycles escorted the noisy march along the length of its route, but there were no incidents. For the most part, demonstrators vented their anger verbally, chanting "Hey, hey, ho ho. The patriarchy has got to go!" One particularly spirited chant was "Lesbians united will always be excited!" A few women chalked women's symbols on buildings. As marchers passed a movie theater exhorting patrons to "have a private talk with a live girl," some women left it emblazoned with the stencil "Dead Men Don't Rape."

The percussion group Sistah Boom, one of the sponsors of the demonstration, led the marchers with some energetic drumming. Sandra P. of the group said, "The powers that be are still trying to control decisions we make for our lives—birth control, abortion, access to health care. [Women are] underpaid and underrepresented."

Speaking at an opening rally at the Embarcadero, Andrea Carmen of the International Treaty Council spoke of a prophecy that the mother lion would eat her cubs, explaining that human generations are subject to the laws of Mother Earth and could not expect to survive given the destruction of the Earth's resources. Material resources were on the mind of SF State Women's Studies director Chinosole, who called for radicals to bring home the resistance, declaring, "All of us should be equally angry about the extent to which the Mr. Columbuses of the world are eating up our resources." She wryly noted that "the only lunches I know to be free are those that businessmen are having."

Tourists strolling in the sun by Fishermen's Wharf gawked at the rowdy assemblage as it approached. "What's this?" asked one man on the sidelines, prompting an explanation from his female companion. A trio of girls waved from their hotel room at the Holiday Inn. The march ended at Aquatic Park, the marchers pausing to relax in the shadow of the tourist magnet Ghirardelli Square and in sight of Alcatraz. Lisa Rudman of the host committee noted the appropriateness of the site, where members of the American Indian Movement held off federal marshals, staking their claim to the land in 1969. Rudman declared the march a successful demonstration of the power of women joining to resist oppression, but said daily struggles often went unnoted. A group of women closed out the day with a piece celebrating reclaiming anger, ending with the chant "Stop the silence, no more violence. Women fight back!"

—Val C. Phoenix

Flyers...

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go out dancing."

According to a survey made by ACT UP last year, some 80 percent of all posters and flyers put up on lamp poles are for clubs and events, making the club owners' participation crucial to any agreement over what to do about flyers in the Castro.

Camillo is taking responsibility for hiring the pole stripper, and says, "The big thing that is happening now is that we are all working together with each other, rather than in opposition."

The Castro Community and Business Alliance (CCBA), representing the merchants, is also pleased. Carlos Abruzzese asserts, "We are obviously happy in terms of the wanting to try and clean it up on a once-a-week basis." But, he sees the weekly tear-downs as a temporary measure. According to Abruzzese, the CCBA has applied to the San Francisco Beautification Fund for a $20,000 grant to build 15 to 20 permanent bulletin boards and kiosks, where posters and flyers could be put up.

Abruzzese says he hopes that the money for the new kiosks will come through in June, enabling them to be erected sometime in July or August.

While enthusiastic about the Tuesday pole-strippers, Mariah Hansen of Girl Spot contends, "The kiosks are really stupid, because, first off, you really need to have repeat exposure—which is why the Castro works so well. I don't think people will pay attention to the kiosks. There will not be enough room. You would have to have the kiosk as big as the block."

Hansen says the pole-stripping plan shows "a very cohesive approach and the unity of the promoters," and she stresses the importance of flyering and postering the lesbian/gay community as a whole. "It is not just a venue for clubs. It is a venue for benefits and political events. It is getting a nice message to the merchants: We are responsible for what we are doing, and we are taking on responsibility for everyone else who uses that venue."

Letters...

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facts people do not want to know about. Genocide for one. We all know about the Holocaust. Dig a little beneath the surface and you will find atrocities committed against Native Americans that equal those of the Holocaust. Slavery. Entire tribes and their cultures were wiped out as a result of slavery and colonialism, more than the population of San Francisco. Religious persecution. I was taught that was the main reason why the "founding fathers" left the old world for the new—they weren't allowed to practice the religion of their choice. You would think at least on that point there would be some understanding. Native Americans were not allowed to participate in their spiritual practices. Today there are still formal restrictions. The most basic fundamental right in our constitution, denied. History shows that people still feel that when you deny a culture's spiritual practice, you deny the quintessence of the culture. For a modern day comparison in any other country (which is easier for a lot of us to look at), there's the way the Chinese are inhumanely treating the Tibetans.

So, this letter is not about blaming any one nationality. It's about change. It's about taking responsibility. It's about compassion. If you want to help, educate yourselves, educate others. Take some time to find out about Native American culture(s) that combined art, spirituality, humor, ritual, respect for elders, respect for nature, into a way of life. Take some time to find out what it's like to fight against poverty, alcoholism, racism, and a majority (and a government) that is indifferent at best. In 1992 support Native Americans in their 500 years of resistance to repression. Say I hear you. Be a spiritual warrior. Let 1992 mark the beginning of recognition, respect and gratitude, for Native Americans and their cultures.

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Very Misinformed

An Open Letter to Pat Buchanan:

I am writing this letter in response to a front-page article in the *San Francisco Chronicle* (Feb. 28, 1992) that quotes you recently saying that AIDS is "nature's retribution for violating the laws of nature." Mr. Buchanan, if what you say is true, then you also are violating the laws of nature when you fly around the country in a plane since you were not born with wings.

You also mention Jesus Christ, but it is obvious that you are misinformed on who he really was. Did you know that Jesus was a real radical, a person who went against the traditions and beliefs of society? To understand the real Jesus one can learn about the other ways of interpreting the Bible instead of the fundamentalist literal method. There are good Christians that do not believe in a bodily resurrection of Jesus, in the virgin birth, in the devil and in the angels.

Mr. Buchanan, you are very misinformed. To know the truth about the gay lifestyle, you need to see for yourself all of the different gay Christian groups, the gay Jewish congregations, the gay social and political groups, and last but not least, the various AIDS organizations and the people who take care of those who have this disease which anyone may have the misfortune of getting.

We are struggling to have a more just society where people will not be discriminated against and mistreated because of their race, beliefs and sexual orientation. The United States has many good things, but we are still backwards in some areas. A few countries already legally recognize gay marriages and various other nations have had women as presidents or as prime ministers.

Many in the conservative movement see only what they want to see. It is like when a hungry person sees a ball of cheese when he sees the moon instead of just the moon. Hopefully you will understand someday the plight of oppressed people throughout the world.

Jamie Cader
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Elton "Don't Let Your Son—er, *The Sun*—Go Down on Me" John is finally out! "I'm okay now," he tells the March 19 *Rolling Stone*. "I'm so in love, it's wonderful. I'm quite comfortable about being gay.... I'm really happy and optimistic, for the first time ever." ... An infant's translucent face peers from the magazine cover, its blue eyes innocent. The headline blares: "Is This Child Gay?" The more reasonable subhead reads: "Born or Bred: The Origins of Homosexuality." The lede sentence of the misguided Feb. 24 shock-value *Newsweek* cover story on the hypothalamus question (mine's bigger than yours!) mentions a pseudononymous gay man—implicitly perpetuating the notion that being gay is something to hide. As to whether homos are born or bred, one gay activist tells the mag: "It's mostly fascinating to heteros." As do talk shows from *Oprah* to *Nightline*, *Newsweek* offers "balancing" quotes from medically licensed reparative-therapy psychologists—that is, rightist psychos. *Newsweek* reporter David Gelman closes by quoting Evelyn Hooker, author of a 1950s homo-oriented study: "If we understand [homosexuality's] nature and accept it as a given, then we come much closer to the kind of attitudes which will make it possible for homosexuals to lead a decent life in society." Gelman's waffly conclusion: "The rest of us could do worse than to listen to her now." ... The Dec. 26, 1991, *Women's Wear Daily* calls *Village Voice* nightlife columnist Michael Musto "a veritable institution," alliteratively alludes to the "wicked wit of his weekly column," and says he's "certainly popular with clubgoers"—without once mentioning that, reflecting the omnisexual scene he covers, Musto is gay. "I talked with the reporter *extensively* about being gay," the wickedly witty weekly columnist/institution told me recently. "I *wonder* why it didn't show up in the story." ... Straights love us! Well—at least they love our money. A March 2 *NY Times* front-pager on the rise of a "new gay press" cites advertisers' new willingness to court gay bucks. A sidebar quotes a recent study showing gay men prefer Coke to Pepsi, McDonald's to Wendy's, Reeboks to Nikes and, in 3 of 4 cases, Levi's to any other jeans. Fags are *so* tasteful! And Madison Avenue morons are finally recognizing it: "Basically, people are saying, 'If this is a market in which people stand to make sales, then why not?' " says an ad agency VP. In a capitalist society, that's the *ultimate* acceptance. Assimilate now! ... When filmmaker Spike Lee spoke last month at UC Zellerbach Hall, gay Black filmmaker Marlon Riggs (*Tongues Untied*) confronted him about the sexism and homophobia in Lee's 1988 *School Daze*. The Feb. 10 *Chron* reports that when Riggs said films should educate, rather than perpetuate stereotypes, "the audience got louder and angrier. 'Sit down!' somebody shouted." ... A 450-signature law school petition published in the Feb. 11 *Stanford Daily* protested the "expressions of hatred" of Keith Rabois, 22, the former president of Stanford student Republicans and an occasional columnist for the conservative *Stanford Review* newspaper. The Feb. 12 *Chron* reports that on Jan. 19, Rabois and two friends harassed a faculty member in a dorm. Shouted Rabois: "Faggot! Hope you die of AIDS! Can't wait till you die, faggot." Rabois told the *Daily* the comments weren't specifically about the faculty member, but were "mostly about faggots being bad in general." Rabois now claims he's the target of a "witch-hunt and a conspiracy." Do you agree? Let Mr. Rabois know: he's at 497-6106. ... Navy boys sure can party, according to the Feb. 10 *LA Times*. "I tried to lighten things up" with a subordinate female officer, said a lieutenant commander at a disciplinary board hearing. "I pulled my fly down and got up and pulled out my penis, turned around and said [to the woman], 'So, what do you think of that?' " When the woman appeared startled, "I then put my penis back in my pants, sensing that my attempts at a joke to lighten the situation had failed," the officer said. In another incident, four drunk officers barged into a female officer's quarters, grabbed her breasts, then tossed her on the bed and photographed her. Her commanding officer "asked me if I had ever had an orgasm on a bidet." Before leaving, the captain and another officer exposed themselves to her. These and other incidents appeared in a study which showed that 40 of 61 Navy women interviewed had been sexually harassed. All the men accused of harassment in a study of eight additional women, were married. Said a Navy spokesperson: "It is a very high-level concern in the Navy." ... Michael Kearns was the only actor to answer a recent Warner Bros. call for HIV-positive act-people. "We thought more people would come forward," a Warner Bros. official told "Hollywood Freeway" 's Frank Swertlow (*Chron*, Feb. 17). "There is a stigma out there and many people don't want anyone to know" they're HIV-positive. Kearns will do a guest shot on the March 29 *Life Goes On*, on which actor Chad Lowe plays a recurring HIV-positive character. ... *Re* March 5 Morse: it's Justin Raimundo. ... The *Los Angeles Times* recently reported that the hosts of a shock-jock cable-access show in West Hollywood face suspension after one closed a show by saying, "If you haven't bashed a gay today, do it tomorrow." Ian Tanza, the city's cable administrator, said, "What concerned me was that some 15-year-old kids are going to see this and have a few beers and go out and beat somebody up." David DiNatale, 31, says he and cohost Todd Colby—stars of "Dino and Rocco's Back Alley"—say "things that people want to say but are afraid to." The show's skits have included Colby pretending to vomit into a toilet on the set; two actors in blackface and wigs eating watermelon and mumbling exclamations; and the hosts designing "fag flags" for gay parades. Says DiNatale: "It's done in fun." Says cable administrator Tanza: "People are committing violent acts against gays. It's programs like this that fuel those terrible acts." ... In the Feb. 17 *New Yorker*, reporter Elizabeth Drew says prez candidate Paul Tsongas "[seems] to lack the commandingness we expect in a president." In that sentence, the usually excellent Drew seems to lack the, um, *writingness* we expect in a *New Yorker* correspondent. ... An ACT/UP pre-primary straw poll of New Hampshire queers showed 2 percent picking Buchanan and 5 percent supporting Bush, reports the Feb. 16 *NYQ*. How do you spell "self-hating?" ... Big "Huh?" from *Chron* rock "critic" Joel Selvin in his Feb. 23 "Lively Arts" column: "Just as it took the death of actor Rock Hudson to alert President Reagan to a national health crisis, apparently...rockers needed one of their own [Queen's Freddie Mercury] to die to personalize the issue. *Certainly it wasn't any kind of latent homophobia that kept these heterosexual—and not so heterosexual—musicians from stumping for AIDS research sooner.*" (Emphasis added.) Wanna bet? ... "I remember specifically him saying one woman [on his staff] had a big ass." That's former EEOC employee Angela Wright on former boss—and current Supreme Court Justice—Clarence Thomas. (*Spy*, March.) ... Burning Feb. 17 *Ex* hed atop John Mellencamp concert review: "Mellencamp Fans a Flame." ... Crackpot movie reviewer and columnist Joe Bob Briggs surprisingly—and angrily—attacks societal AIDS foolishness in his Feb. 23 column (*Ex/Chron* "This World"). It's not hypocritical preachers and politicians Briggs loathes ("Anybody with an IQ under 30 is not worth arguing with"); it's "the ones who have never lost a friend to AIDS [who] delude themselves into thinking it's none of their business.... They're not bad people. They're just silent, passive, uninvolved." His conclusion: "Those are dead bodies out there. If you don't care about that, the hell with you. I think God did send AIDS for a reason. It was to show how mean and sinful a healthy man can be toward a sick man." ... Though it noted that "San Francisco's underground sex clubs (both straight and gay) are flourishing," the Feb. 24 *Chron* "People" story on celibacy didn't mention gays and lesbians *once*. The *Chron* has no gay readers? And wait: first a "People" piece on teen abstinence, then one on celibacy—who's not gettin' some over at 5th and Mish? ... AP's John

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Horn spewed a fine Feb. 19 lede: " 'Wayne's World' hurled to the top of the box-office chart." ... Patrick Buchanan's spokesman, Jerry Woodruff, said the candidate's Georgia TV ads showing clips from Marlon Riggs' *Tongues Untied* and decrying "blasphemous" NEA spending had "nothing to do with anti-gay prejudice." Sure. Riggs' response (in the Feb. 28 *Chron*): "This has been going on so long it's almost too boring." Kudos, incidentally, to KPIX's Hank Plante for his excellent Feb. 27 report on the ad. And to former NY Demo congressperson Otis Pike, who excoriated Buchanan in a recent *Ex* column as "one who yearns to be the ayatollah of our thoughts and expressions," concluding: "If we are doomed to have feelgood art...this must become a dreadfully boring nation in which to live." And—I never thought I'd write this—to *Ex* columnist Rob Morse for his March 1 anti-Buchanan rant: "Buchanan is Hitler in a Brooks Brothers suit." ... Badly-coiffed, overwrought "singer" Michael Bolton, responding to post-Grammy press musings on his lack of talent, said, "Critics who are insensitive and rude people can kiss my ass." Bolton did not indicate whether and when he washes there, or whether he expected a social kiss (cheek to cheek, as it were), or a more prosaic French-style buss. ... *Ex* "Style" reporter Cynthia Robbins—a slender, petite woman with a twinkly smile and blunt-cut reddish hair—sure is generous. Her recent Hilary Clinton profile described the presidential hopeful's spouse as "a slender, petite woman with *chubby knees* and blunt-cut blond hair." (Emphasis added.) ... No blunt-cut hair here: a ground-breaking March 4 *NY Times* Living Arts piece archeologically deconstructs the phenomenon of Long Island-bred "Big Hair." Reporter Sarah Lyall describes a typical mall-girl coif, adding: "If bangs could talk, these would cry out for mercy." Distraught hairdressers are trying to "beat [the trend] back with a shovel." Sniffs one: "People haven't progressed out of the bilevel era of hair." Gags another: "[Women] bring a picture of themselves at a wedding, where they have so much hair you can't even see the grandmother." Why the massive hair helmets? "The guys go for it," says one woman. Says a guy: "They look aggressive, and I like aggressive girls." Eeek. ... An otherwise fair and sensitive Feb. 27 KTVU news piece on a group of military morons who gang-bashed a gay man relied on typically tired visuals: shots of men's asses wiggling up Castro Street. Likewise the photo accompanying the Feb. 21 *Ex* story on the gay scout controversy, which showed two guys from behind; one's hand is on the other's butt. That's mainstream news shorthand for queers: disembodied sexual parts and ass-grabbing. ... End of culture, Part 293,957,971: NBC recently aired "I Witness Video," a reality-based show offering real-life, camcorder-snagged events— including real deaths. Hey, you peacock-network nuts: that's snuff of that! ... "We were born to create trends. That's what we do well. People in the magazine business can deny this fact all they want, but they are lying to themselves and the public." So says gay *Vanity Fair* scribe Kevin Sessums in the *Advocate*'s recent cover story on queers at Conde Nast publications. ... And the beat goes on: Palm Springs Mayor Sonny Bono hates his Cher legacy: he wants to be taken seriously as a politician. The Feb. 29 *Chron* reports that in a recent Republican senatorial debate, Bono (who was Cher's husband), "ripped [moderate Republican opponent Tom] Campbell's support for the civil rights legislation and for a gay rights bill vetoed by Governor Wilson last year." The rightist Bono—remember: he used to sing with Cher—is thus using the weapon traditionally brandished by other well-known conservatives like Pat Buchanan and Senatorial opponent William Dannemeyer (who once called for HIV-positive people to be "wiped...off the face of the earth"): gay-bashing. No wonder Cher divorced the fucking dink. Hey, Sonny—I got *you*, babe! ... "How many viewers, I wondered, knew that 35 years before, in 1992, NBC was forced to cancel Mr. X's show—the first network variety series hosted by a major gay star—because of the inability to get enough national sponsors, frightened away by a feared boycott in the South? In the North, as well, several NBC stations rejected the show.... 'He did have a hell of a time getting a sponsor, and you know damn well why—because he was gay,' recalled singer Y... [Said a critic]: 'At that time, you never saw any gay newsmen or anchormen on TV either, mostly for fear of offending the Southern market. Despite all his talents, (Mr. X) had to fight that whole situation." Substitute the word "Black" for "gay," the name "Nat King Cole" for "Mr. X," and the date "1957" for "1992," and you have an excerpt from Rick DuBrow's Feb. 29 *LA Times* piece on Natalie Cole's Grammy sweep, and what it would have meant to her now-deceased father. But the issues sound familiar—no? ... kKleyp(6)its Fa3rd(t), my strangely monickered Santa Monica correspondent, sends two recent *LA Times* AP blips: one notes 15 people died in avalanches when humongous snowstorms swept Amman, Jordan; the other reports that the bodies of nine avalanche victims were uncovered by crews in Beirut the day before. The snowfall is the heaviest in 40 years. This is the third massive-snowfall-in-the-Middle-East clip my correspondent has sent. Writes he: "I don't know—maybe it's just a fetish with me."

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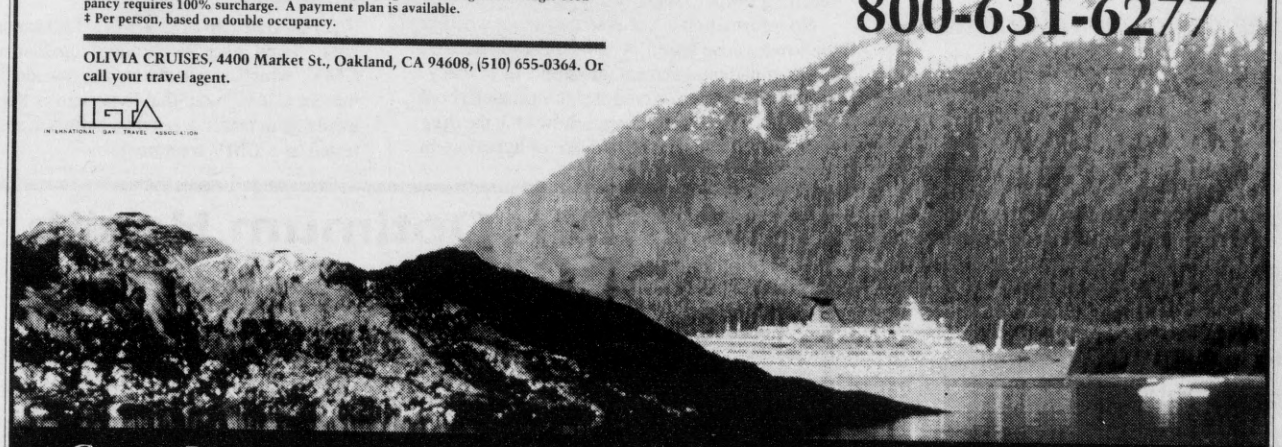
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AIDS TREATMENT NEWS

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Hypericin Trials Underway

New Applications Considered

Hypericin is an antiviral found in small amounts in the plant St. John's wort, a medicinal herb, and also synthesized chemically. It has shown activity against HIV in laboratory tests and against other retroviruses in animal tests. In addition, laboratory tests and some human anecdotal reports have suggested broad-spectrum activity against a number of other disease-causing viruses. But hypericin also has an important side effect—large doses cause phototoxicity, or abnormal sensitivity to sunlight and other strong light, especially in people with light skin. The key medical question at this time is whether it will be possible to administer large enough doses of hypericin to be useful for treating HIV and/or other viruses. There are also concerns about whether enough resources are available to quickly determine the best uses and ultimate value of this potentially important treatment.

THE CURRENT CLINICAL TRIAL

This trial, being conducted in New York City, Boston and Minneapolis, has been stopped temporarily after significant phototoxicity developed at the second dose being tested. This study had set out to enter eight patients at each of four different doses, adjusted by body weight. The doses were 0.25 mg/kg, 0.5 mg/kg, 1.0 mg/kg, or 2.0 mg/kg, taken twice per week. (Even the lowest dose is much higher than that from the St. John's wort extracts which have previously been available in buyers' clubs and health food stores, which have contained little hypericin, usually providing a fraction of a milligram per dose.) And the hypericin in the trial was given intravenously, even though the drug is expected to be used orally in practice; intravenous administration is preferred in early trials in order to obtain better scientific data.

At the 0.5 mg dose, most if not all of the study volunteers with white skin had phototoxicity which was severe enough that they had to drop out of the trial. They had skin rashes and irritation, and some were unable to go outdoors. But according to Fred Valentine, M.D., principal investigator of the study at New York University, there was no sign of any systemic toxicity—and all the problems which did occur were temporary, going away after the drug was stopped. And one Black volunteer had less severe problems; apparently the pigment in his skin protected him against some of the phototoxicity by preventing light from reaching deeper layers of the skin.

No information is yet available about whether the lowest dose tested, which could be tolerated by most patients, showed any signs of efficacy.

This early trial also collected information about hypericin's pharmacokinetics (how long the drug lasted in the body). The half-life of hypericin in the blood was found to be about 25 hours, which was less than had been expected from studies in monkeys. Therefore it may be necessary to give the drug more often than twice a week to maintain blood levels. Also, more frequent but lower doses may reduce toxicity by reducing peak blood levels.

At this time, the researchers have applied to the Food and Drug Administration for permission to change the dosing of the drug, to give lower amounts three times per week. They also want to recruit volunteers with very dark skin, since they may be much less affected by the phototoxicity. Also, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which is supporting the current trial, has contracted with the University of Iowa to produce an oral formulation of the drug, perhaps a time-release version to avoid peak concentrations and reduce possible toxicity.

The current status of hypericin, then, is that the drug could be successful if any one or more of the following are true:

(1) The drug might be useful even in the 0.25 mg/kg dose (which can usually be tolerated)—either alone or in combination;

(2) If not, then it may be possible to administer higher doses by reformulating the drug, changing the schedule of administration, or providing better protection against sunlight;

(3) Even if hypericin turns out not to be useful for everybody, it might still be effective for persons with dark skin; and

(4) In addition, hypericin may be effective against other viruses, possibly in lower doses than would be required for treatment of HIV.

OTHER VIRUSES

At this time there is scientific and community interest in the possible usefulness of hypericin for treating at least four other viruses, listed below. But little information is available at this time, so these possible applications of the drug must be considered speculative.

(1) Hepatitis B. This possible use was noticed by accident during an earlier hypericin trial, by the Community Research Initiative in New York using low doses of the drug from a widely available St. John's wort plant extract. Because of an earlier report that hypericin might have liver toxicity—now believed to have been a false alarm—liver function tests were being watched very carefully. When apparent improvements were seen in persons who had hepatitis, others who heard about the result tried treating themselves for that condition. At this time there seem to be about ten reports of apparent improvement. We are checking further into this possibility.

(2) Cytomegalovirus (CMV). Laboratory tests have found antiviral activity against murine CMV, which is related to but not identical to human CMV. Now that hypericin is becoming available in larger doses than before, it should be tested as a CMV treatment.

(3) Influenza. Both laboratory and anecdotal reports suggest the possibility that hypericin might be useful in treating this infection.

(4) Human papillomavirus. One person in the current hypericin trial had an unexpected improvement in warts caused by this virus.

We want to emphasize that these possibilities are leads for future research, and based on very little information at this time. On the other hand, this list is not complete; over the years laboratory tests have shown activity of hypericin against a number of viruses. The chemical may have other uses which have not yet been considered or tested.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

There is widespread concern that the development of hypericin, which has been seriously delayed in the past, may wait again—this time until the chemically synthesized drug is reformulated and tested for oral use. The developer, VIMRx Pharmaceuticals Inc. of Stamford, Conn., is a small company with limited resources; fortunately the AIDS Clinical Trials Group of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has been willing to help, but this agency has little experience in most aspects of drug development, which has usually been left to private corporations.

Meanwhile, more concentrated hypericin extracts from the St. John's wort plant are becoming available. The plant extracts are not pure hypericin, however; they also contain other chemicals from St. John's wort, which might cause allergic reactions or other adverse effects. Therefore, large doses should be approached cautiously.

An oral dose of 10 mg of hypericin, taken three times a week, would approximate the total amount at which phototoxicity began to be seen in the recent clinical trial with synthetic hypericin. But a number of people (probably several dozen) have been using 10 mg per day or more of hypericins extracted from the St. John's wort plant—taken orally—with very few adverse reports. According to Pacific BioLogic in Oakland, which produces the concentrated extract, there has been one case of severe sunburn, after half an hour exposure to the sun without protection, and a few cases of diarrhea. It is possible that these larger oral doses were tolerated because the hypericin is only partly absorbed from the digestive system. In the clinical trial, by contrast, the hypericin was given intravenously, so all of it reached the bloodstream immediately. Keep in mind that anyone using concentrated hypericin, no matter how it is taken, should avoid sunlight, by using good sunscreen and a hat and other protective clothing, or by staying indoors, until at least several days after the last dose is used.

COMMENT

Instead of just waiting indefinitely for results of future trials, the AIDS community is experimenting with more concentrated hypericin extracts, to see what can be learned from practical experience with the treatment. It is clear that scientific trials produce the most reliable information. But the modern approach of controlled trials is a recent innovation, which largely developed in the last few decades. Until then, all drugs throughout history were developed through clinical experience. When the mainstream drug-development system fails (for whatever reason) to meet the needs of the current emergency, we should not abandon clinical experience as a first step in drug development.

Modern viral-burden tests, data collection and analysis techniques, and other scientific methods can work together with clinical experience to make possible smaller, cleaner, faster, and more focused treatment trials than we have usually seen in the past.

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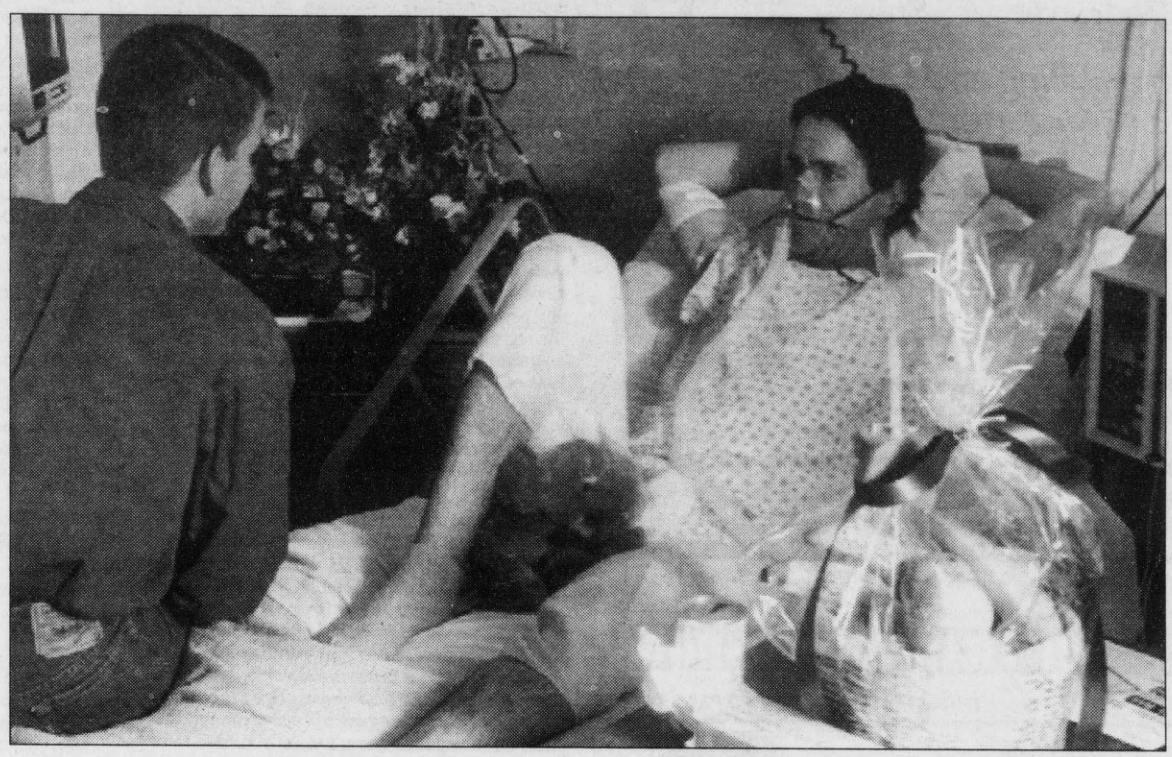
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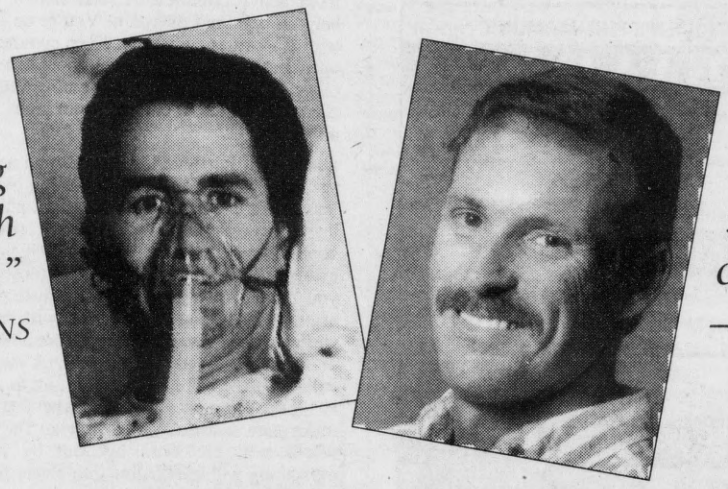
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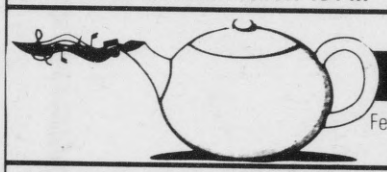
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BY JACK FERTIG

Not With the Stars

As Shakespeare wrote, The fault lies not with the stars, but in ourselves, so I don't want to hear any whining about Mercury turning retrograde! It's just the Trickster's way of telling us to slow down, review recent progress, and make necessary corrections. Be flexible, open minded and willing to laugh at yourself, and you'll do fine. For the more magically oriented, standing in a crossroad and throwing three coins to the East can help one stay on the Trickster's good side.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: No sign is more grounded in the physical present than you. Well, usually. These next few weeks will lead you into the dreams and worries of your past and make you very psychically impressionable. This can be a very interesting time to hone any psychic skills you may have or do some past-life regression. Usually blunt and direct, you'll find yourself a little spacey and uncertain for a few weeks. Lots of little things will go snafu. Do your best to be careful and patient. It would be very easy to lose your temper and say things that will come back to haunt you. Recent promises may prove very hard to keep. Allow yourself room to renegotiate.

TAURUS: Sweet, steady brick that you are, the coming frantic weeks will seem to catch all your friends in a whirlwind. You may remain relatively unfazed by it all, but others will become grossly undependable and unpredictable. Your friends will fall short of their promises and voiced concerns. This will cause you to question their loyalty and friendship. Be charitable. Keep your expectations modest for now. They'll get better in a month or so, and patience is among your finer virtues. This can help you to re-evaluate your long-term social commitments. After all, being nice doesn't mean you have to be a patsy.

GEMINI: What people are saying about you is cruel, unfair and untrue, but throwing yourself into the fray will only feed the rumors. Mind your own business with grace and aplomb. Confront and dismiss rumors as they come back to you, but refrain from active crusades. A little humor could be helpful, but don't overdo it. You're on a fine line with authorities right now. Keep communications open, but don't be overbearing about it. You are inclined to be a bit frantic in the coming weeks. If you can stay calm and focused on your goals, you'll be all right.

CANCER: Ready to learn something new? Well, you may have to un-learn something old. You've been eager to embrace new ideas and philosophies lately. Now you'll find your mind so crowded with conflicting notions you'll have to criticize and re-evaluate old notions. Clinging to philosophies that you "know" are right will only create upsets and arguments. Open-mindedness will be a real challenge right now. If you are as committed to depth of understanding as you like to think you are, you will have to be willing to forsake some long cherished ideals. The good news is that what you learn will make such sacrifice well worth it. The next few weeks will be confusing, but by mid-April everything will start falling into place. Just be patient with yourself and open to others.

LEO: These next few weeks promise to be very intense. For better or worse? Well, sun sign astrology is necessarily vague. One of two possibilities here (and they're not mutually exclusive): (1) This could be a time of reviewing your sexual pleasures, learning that old patterns are no longer fun and new delights await. Be open to experiment and be willing to let go of old favorites. (They could come back later. Rather than selling the trapeze, silk scarves and inflatable zoo, you could just put them in storage.) (2) Ideas about death and grief also come to a challenge. It could be a rough month. We've all been dealing with grief overload and putting feelings aside. Yours are due to rise to the surface. Make sure you have the time you need to take care of yourself or to be taken care of.

VIRGO: You're feeling very sharp of wit and insight these days. It's a nice feeling for crossword puzzles, but it can really screw up some of your more important relationships. You're liable to be very short with others, especially your nearest and dearest. Stop, breathe, think! In your effort to lay things out clearly and usefully you can really... well, dear, yours is one of my favorite signs, but that reputation you have as a picky, fussy bitch? The stars show you earning it in the next few weeks. Try to focus in on yourself, but gently. Look at how you relate to others. Give yourself credit for the many things you do right, but don't overlook the other side of the sheet either!

LIBRA: Allergies, head colds...any kind of head/respiratory problem is likely to become rather acute very soon. Major problems aren't indicated, but if you've been considering pentamidine or some such, this can be a good time to take care of small problems and avoid larger ones later. If your birthday is before Oct. 4, arguments are likely to come up with your partner. Far be it for me to imply that a Libran could be dizzy or bitchy. Let's just say that you should go easy and let her or him take the lead for now. Be conciliatory. If it's so important, leave yourself room to renegotiate in mid-April.

SCORPIO: Are we having fun yet? This is an excellent time for you to indulge in all kinds of merriment, especially of the physical varieties—including sports! You will soon find yourself bored and a bit klutzy at things you've been enjoying. Don't push it. It's time to explore new pleasures. Games requiring verbal or math skills (crossword puzzles, backgammon) will probably be more frustrating than enjoyable for the next three weeks, but more visceral mindless pleasures such as swimming or sex will be just fine. Creative hobbies will also require a new perspective.

SAGITTARIUS: If you're considering moving, Don't! In a few weeks you're going to have to renegotiate your living situation. Although arguments and disruptions are almost inevitable, a little time, patience and flexibility can give you the room to get what you want over the next couple of months. Anything you say about it now will be up for reconsideration, and you have plenty to say right now! Express your opinions (as if anything could stop you!) but express them merely as opinions and allow yourself room to maneuver later. Family discussions will also come under reconsideration. Right now you want to tell your relatives plenty, but take your time and think about it. Your message will be a lot more effective after April 8 (unless you really do want challenges that will force you to re-think your situation.)

CAPRICORN: Everything you say now will soon be held against you. Your famed sense of discretion will soon go on vacation. For the next few weeks commuting, writing and mail are all going to become riddled with disasters. Be open to reconsidering all kinds of editing and re-routing. Treat it all as experiments and be ready to endure a process of trial and error. Your ability to take the long view and learn from mistakes will serve you well. Your sign isn't known for a sense of humor, but I've personally found Caps to be deliciously droll! In any event, an eye for humor and absurdity will be very helpful to you in the next three weeks as the quotidian becomes quixotic.

AQUARIUS: Watch your money! You may indeed see it doing amazing things. You're in for some rude surprises on the financial front, but they needn't be serious. The trick is to be very adaptable, don't make any commitments or major purchases — though you will be very tempted. Money in your pockets is singing "spend me! spend me!" Heaven knows you have the will power to restrain, but the impulse can grab you before you're half aware of it. Think twice before spending anything! If you're not careful you will pay for your purchase a second time. This can be a good time to analyze your financial situation and to spot problems, but not to correct them. Temporary solutions may be alright, but for real restructuring wait until after April 9.

PISCES: Self-assured and directly expressive, you're doing a fine job these days of defying the spaced out stereotype of the fuzzy-minded fishy. I would love to boost your confidence, but do watch your words. It's all too likely you're going to be eating an awful lot of them in a week or two. Rather than stating definite "facts" and certain opinions, offer ideas and insights for consideration. Anything you say now will need to be reconsidered later, so a little diplomacy can create opportunities for discussion rather than invitations to disaster. This is also an excellent time to play with new fashions and styles, but these too will need reconsideration over the next few weeks. Visit shops and try out new things, but save your purchases for later.

THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

COMING UP!

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MAR 12 / THU

Survival Jobs for Transitional Times: Small-group wkshop spons by Jewish Vocational Service, facilitated by Joann Jelly, Ed.D. Focus on evaluating ideas for an alternative job goal during a period of transition. 10 am-noon, $15. Pre-reg required. Info/reg: 391-3600. 77 Geary St, Ste, 401, SF.

"Thinking Globally About Female Human Rights," a talk by Anne Firth Murray, president & co-founder of the Global Fund for Women. Part of UCSF Women's Resource Ctr's "Breaking Down the Barriers" series in celebration of Women's History Month. Noon-1 pm, Toland Hall, UCSF, 521 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-0400.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today & 3/26 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Picking Up After Job Loss: 2-day workshop spons by the Jewish Vocational Service. Small group wkshop facilitated by Debra Perlman, MFCC. Focus on the concerns of people who are having a difficult time finding work. Learn how to rebuild confidence, handle difficult interview questions, find the hidden job market. 10 am-noon, $15. Pre-reg required. Info: 391-3600. Jewish Vocational Service Office, 77 Geary St, Ste 401, SF.

Troubled Paradise, world premiere of Academy Award-sinner Steven Okazaki's new documentary, a celebration of the richness of Hawaiian culture & a compelling look at the social & political problems faced by its indigenous people. Set on the Big Island, the film explores a land most tourists never see, capturing the struggles, dignity & hope of Native Hawaii. Film opens the 1992 Asian American Int'l Film Showcase. At the AMC Kabuki 8 Theatres, 1881 Post St at Fillmore, SF. Showtimes & other info: 863-0814.

Rainbow's End, lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group, meets tonight in Marin, see 3/5 listing for details.

Good Vibrations Anniversary Bash! Yes—GV is 15! Come celebrate—admission is free to all, but you must have an invitation (available at Good Vibrations during store hours, hurry down & get yours). Entertainment with spoken word performances by alternative pornographer Carol Queen & *Taste of Latex* publisher Lily Braindrop, fashion show by leather & latex outfitters Stormy Leather, plus belly dancing by Fat Chance Belly Dance. Susie Bright emcees. Downtown Donna spins the discs. Edibles by City Catering, with no-host bar. 7-9 pm at 650 Howard St nr 2nd, SF. Info: 550-7399.

Women's Alcohol-Free Social at Mama Bears, see 3/5 listing for details.

Powers of Attorney Wkshop: Make sure the person you choose has the power to make crucial decisions about your medical & financial welfare. 7-9 pm, $25. Forms provided. Info/res: Law Offices of Linda Scaparotti, (510) 835-0850.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: "So, How About Therapy?" a talk by Carolyn Kaufman, RN, CS, MFCC on what's available & important to consider when interviewing a potential therapist. 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Bay Area Lesbian-Feminist Bar Assoc: Gen'l membership mtg. Selection of 1992 reps; formation of newsletter, fundraising & public relations committees. 7 pm. Board Room of the State Bar Office, 555 Franklin St, SF. Info: (510) 933-0887.

Rounds Singing for Women: Learn beautiful rounds of love, work, play, spirit & freedom, in many languages, from many centuries. Thurs eves, 7:15-9 pm. Fee. For info/reg call Kay 285-9642.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap meets 7-9:30 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "Lesbian Fiction: What's Hot & What's Not." Discussion facilitated by Donna. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Guatemala Update: Slideshow & discussion on conditions faced by Guatemalan refugees who have been living in camps in Mexico for the past 10 years, and are about to be repatriated. Also discussion of the current situation in Guatemala. 7:30 pm, $4-10. Spons by the Home Campaign. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Karin Kallmacher reads from her upcoming erotic romance & signs copies of her previous work. 7:30 pm, free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Slide/lecture by Bradley Rose on the life & work of gay archaeologist & art historian Johann Joachim Winckelmann (1717-1768), the leading theorist of the neoclassical movement in art and the Papal Antiquarian, in charge of Rome's large & valuable collection of ancient art. Using Winckelmann's letters & published writing, Rose presents a mosaic view of a gay man's life in 18th century Rome. 7:30 pm, $5. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

No Rooms of Their Own: Women Writers of Early California—editor Ida Rae Egli reads from her collection of essays, poems & stories of 15 extraordinary women from the Gold Rush era. 7:30 pm, free. A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Reception for editor Franco & the staff of the lesbian magazine *Deneuve*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Comic Frank Maya in "The Frank Maya Show," at Josie's Cabaret. NY comic Maya returns to Josie's for a 3-wk run. In a combination of edgy stand-up comedy & personal storytelling, Maya explores his gay childhood, early dating, and adult life. 8 pm, $10. Play runs Thurs-Sun, thru 3/29. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/reg: 861-7933.

La Voz Latina performance series presenting the work of Latina women spons by Life on the Water Theatre's Latino Theatre Project, features "La Musica del Corazon," a solo performance by SF artist Nao Bustamante, and "Los Momias," a feminist interpretation of themes & images from the 18th century catacombs of Guanajuato, Mexico, by performance artist Guadalupe Garcia. 8 pm, $12. Mission Cultural Ctr, 2868 Mission St, SF. Info: 626-2337.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Carol Ione discusses her new book, *Pride of Family: Four Generations of American Women of Color*. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives' Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 821-4675. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF.

Tess Gallagher reads from her book of poems dealing with her grief over the death of her husband, Raymond Carver—the work rflects a powerful, imaginative & mythic vision. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Outrageously funny Scott Capurro & Comedy Competition runner-up Tim Wiggins join inprov wizard Geoff Bolt for a night of laughs at The Other Cafe/Club Politics, 5800 Shellmound, Emeryville. 3/12-14. 8:30 pm Thurs/Fri/Sat, 10:30 pm Fri & Sat. Tix $7 Thurs, $10 Fri & Sat. Info: (510) 601-4880.

MAR 13 / FRI

Soccer Lovers: Women's 1st Division Team seeks experienced defensive players. Call (510) 540-7540 for details.

"Martin Luther King: Prophecy in America," Felix Justice's dramatic collage based on the writings & sermons of Martin Luther King, Jr. Noon-1 pm, free. Visual Arts Room 114, City College of SF. Info: 239-3580.

Overseas, French filmmaker Brigitte Rouan's acclaimed film opens today at SF's Lumiere Theatre. Film follows the fortunes of 3 very different sisters whose lives & loves are irrevocably altered by the advent of the Franco-Algerian War during the 1950s—Zon represses her adventurous sexual longings by throwing herself into a masochistic marriage, Malene maintains the family winery while her weak husband shirks responsibility, and Gritte eschews respectability to carry on a clandestine affair with a young Arab soldier—in the end they are all dragged into a tragic cul-de-sac by sex & politics. 1572 California St, SF. For showtimes & other info call 885-3200./

Film *The Lunatic* opens today at the Lumiere Cinema, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Directed by Lol Creme, this loopy comedy was filmed entirely in Jamaica with mostly local cast & crew, and hot reggae soundtrack. Call 885-3200 for showtimes & other info.

Grave's Disease (Hyperthyroid) Support Group meets 6:45 pm at West Berkeley Public Library. Topic: "Joining the Pieces: Emotional Opportunities of Chronic Illness," a talk by therapists Inge Lembeck & Steve Polin. Free. Info: (510) 540-8640.

Issues in the Psychotherapy of Drug Addiction: Dual-Diagnosis, Spiritual Issues, Cross-Culture & HIV Status—wkshop with Joseph Gabbay & Diane Haas. 7 pm tonight, 9:30 am-5:30 pm tmw. Info/reg: Calif Institue of Integral Studies 753-6100.

12th Annual Rakkasah, festival of belly dance & shopping bazaar: Today thru 3/15 at Richmond Memorial Auditorium, 27th & Macdonald Ave, Richmond. Hundreds of dancers & musicians from throughout the Middle East, Europe & the US descend on Richmond annually for Rakkasah, the largest belly dance event in the world. Hrs: 3/13, 7-11 pm; 3/14, 11 am-10 pm; 3/15, 11 am-8 pm. Fest includes traditional & unusual arts, crafts, books & food for sale. Tix $8 gen'l, $4 srs & kids under 10. Info: (510) 724-0214.

Support Group for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young women of color, ages 23 & under. 7-9 pm at CURAS, 347 Dolores St, Ste 127, SF. Tonight's topic: Safer Sex. Spons by the LYFE program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services & CURAS. Group also meets on 3/20—topic "Racism in the Queer Community". Info: 565-7681.

An Eve with the Goddess: Spring Equinox ritual led by Carolyn McVickar Edwards, author of *The Storyteller's Goddess*. First of 3 events in honor of Women's Herstory Month. 7-9:30 pm, $5 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. JFK University, Morrison Hall, 12 Altarinda rd, Orinda. Info/reg: (510) 254-0105 or (510) 525-8556.

HIV-Negative Men's Support Group spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, meets 7:45 pm. Tonight's topic: "Living With Grief," discussion led by Dennis Portnoy, MFCC. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Comic Frank Maya in "The Frank Maya Show" at Josie's, see 3/12.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Author H Bruce Franklin discusses *MIA or Mythmaking in America*, his startling investigation explaining why there is no plausible basis for the belief in live POWS and how the POW/MIA issue was used to deflect attention from US war atrocities & undermine the antiwar movement. 8 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Phoebe Snow Society, group for gay rail fans, holds mtg tonight at 8 pm in the Encore Room of the Regis Hotel, 490 Geary St at Taylor, SF. $5 donation accepted. Slideshow by John Roxburgh.

Hot & Sassy Lesbian Blues with Marla BB at Mama Bears. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Altazor present an evening of multifaceted Pan American acoustic music, part of La Voz Latina performance series presented by Life on the Water's Latino Theatre Project. 8 pm, $5. Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Info: 626-2337.

Flamenco Concert & Dance at La Pena, with *Aire de Sevilla*. 8:30 pm, $10. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/reg: 849-2568.

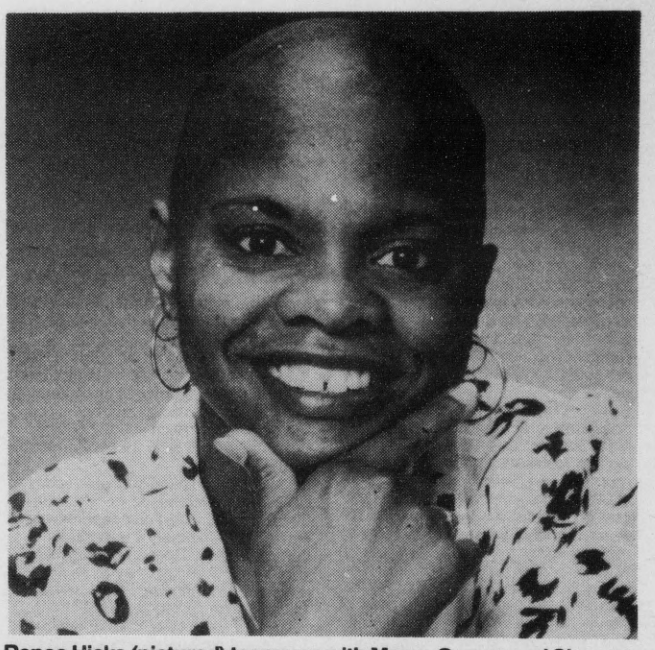
Funnymen Scott Capurro, Tim Wiggins & Geoff Bolt at The Other Cafe, see 3/12 listing for details.

Susannah McCorckle in concert, celebration of her latest recording, "I'll Take Romance." Tonight thru 3/15. Fri & Sat at 9 & 11 pm, Sun at 8 & 10 pm. Tix $15. At Yoshi's, Japanese Restaurant & Nitespot, 6030 Claremont Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 652-9200.

Bitter Smoke, Holy Words A book release party with poetry & music, celebrating the release of Peter Marti's new book of poems, *Bitter Smoke, Holy Words*. Readings by Andy Clausen & Marc Olmsted, accompanied by Gary Schwantes on keyboards & bamboo flutes. $5. 9 pm upstairs at the Elbo Room, Valencia at 17th, SF.

"Death on the Water," a benefit performance presented by Life on the Water Theatre & Klubstitute. A benefit for Playstitute, the new queer theater production company. Eve of live theater, performance, music, installation art & dj dancing with Elvis Herselvis, *Omewenne & Her Buried Carnivals, God's Girlfriend*, Pussy Tourette, *Miss Kitty & Her Clipped Out Recipes*; Danielle Willis, Sparrow 13, Phillip R Ford, Stefan Maxine & Loretta Hogg; Tony Vaguely, Ggreg Taylor; and many others. Plus dj Remix Von Popstitute & slave of ceremonies, Diet. 10 pm till the wee hours. $4.98. At Life on the Water Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg B, SF.

Tommi Avicolli Mecca presents his new one-man play, story of a South Philly Italian queen who has survived it all. Sexually explicit play by Mecca, a Philadelphia born writer, performer, and



Renee Hicks (pictured) teams up with Marga Gomez and Shyama for "Our Comedy, Ourselves." They're not afraid to say the "F" word. See Mar. 14 for details.



Photo by Mark I. Chester

"Marcus Allen, All American Boy"—one of the models at the Gay Men's Sketch Class. Check Mar. 17 for info.



1992 Asian American Int'l Film Showcase opens Mar. 12 at the Kabuki. Pictured: a scene from "Rough Sketch of a Spiral." See calendar for details.

veteran of radical drag theater. Plays Tues & Wed at 8 pm, Fri at 10 pm, thru 4/1. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/reg: 861-7933.

MAR 14 / SAT

Marin BACW Dines Out—today's the deadline for reservations, see 3/19 listing for details.

Festival at the Lake, annual cultural event to be held in June, seeks volunteers in the areas of arts activities, stage set-up, kids & seniors programs, public relations & other creative projects. Call volunteer coordinator Cheryl Nash (510) 464-3953 or (510) 464-1061 for details.

Coast Trail Hike (Pt Reyes Nat'l Seashore) spons by SF Hiking Club. Meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF. 9-mile round trip hike, with total elevation gain of 600 ft. Total auto travel 54 miles, car cost $5.40 plus $3 bridge toll, to be shared among passengers. Alternate route taken in case of rain. Bring lunch, water, warm clothing & rain gear if rain looks likely. Leader: Felix Smith 255-1420 BEFORE 11 pm.

Playwriting for Women: 1-Day Intensive Class by well-known playwright/actress Terry Baum. 10 am-5 pm, SF location. Info/res: 648-5244.

Celebration of Women's Achievements: Local women's activists speak out on the women's movement. Share stories, discuss strategies to move forward. 10 am-5 pm, $10-20, no one turned away for lack of funds. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 431-1180.

12th Annual Rakkasah Middle Eastern Dance Festival, see 3/13.

A Course in Money: Creating A Recession-Proof Personal Economy: Wkshop taught by Stefan Smith. Learn effective tools for financial recovery, career expansion & life planning. Noon-4 pm, $50. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Organic Gardening Basics Class at the Ecology Center: Learn everything you need to know to get started gardening organically. Taught by Chris Clarke. Class good for both new & old gardeners. 12:30-2:30 pm, $5. No one turned away for lack of funds. 2530 San Pablo Ave at Blake, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-2220.

1992 River's Cup Tasting Festival: An AIDS Benefit, 1-4 pm at the historic Rio Nido Lodge, 15 miles west of Santa Rosa at 14580 River Road. Microbrewery, import beer tasting & food sampling, with emcee KGO TV's Janet Yee. $15 tix available thru BASS (707) 546-BASS or at door. For more info call (707) 869-1065.

La Voz Latina performance series of work by Latina women, continues with "Memory Tricks," SF comic's Marga Gomez' hilarious show about growing up with her mother, a showgirl on the New York Latin nightclub circuit. 8 pm, $12. Mission Cultural Ctr, 2868 Mission St at 25th, SF. Info: 626-2337.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) meets 3 pm. For info/location: Jon 731-2424.

Hot Tub & Dinner in Calistoga, with the Lesbian/Gay Social Group of the Santa Rosa Church of Religious Science. For time, location & other info call Nancy (707) 579-1691.

BWMT Rap/Social Night: Learn about the Zebra Brigade, a group whose statement of purpose includes opposition to racism, sexism & homophobia. Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap begins at 7 pm. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Everyone welcome, refreshments served. Facilitator Calvin Lowery, greeter Peter Eggenberger.

Southbay FLSG (Feminist Lesbian Social Group) March potluck at Carol's home in San Jose. 7 pm. Call (408) 258-BIKE for directions/info. Newcomers welcome!

1992 Cable Car Awards & Show: Annual lesbian/gay community awards show at the SF Fashion Center, 8th St at Townsend, SF. Doors open at 7 pm, public voting 7-8 pm, show begins at 8 pm sharp. Tix: Gold Circle, $500; Silver Circle, $350; Bronze Circle, $300; Orchestra $250. All prices are for a table of ten. Gen'l admission/SRO, $15. Some tix available at door. Info/res: 586-8022.

Marsha J Stevens Gospel Concert. Popular lesbian Christian performer in concert at Golden Gate MCC, 1600 Clay at Larkin, SF. 7 pm. Stevens performs tmw at 7 pm at MCC-SF in the Castro. Info: 863-4434.

BWMT St Patrick's Day Celebration: Join Black & White Men Together for an evening of food & Irish history. Hosted by Robert Walker. Doors open at 6:30 pm, program starts at 7. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Everyone welcome!

The Last Epidemic: 10th Anniversary of this landmark film, a benefit for The Video Project, and a celebration of the first steps toward disarmament. Hosted by Ian Theirmann, Vivienne Verdon-Roe & Steve Ladd. Drumming by Barbara Borden, songs by Melanie DeMore. Also film restrospective, stories, previews of upcoming videos. Dessert reception. 7:30 pm, $10 donation. Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: (510) 655-9050.

Comedy Night at Mama Bears with Maureen Brownsey, Karla Carmony & Liz Olsen. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

MIA or Mythmaking in America: Author Bruce Franklin presents a persuasive case for his belief that the US govt deliberately overstated the case for still existing POW's in order to demonize North Vietnam & draw attention away from atrocities being committed by American forces. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Int'l Women's Day Celebration spons by Radical Women & the Freedom Socialist Party: "The Infamous Freeway Hall Case: Women Leaders Defy Political Battery." Special guest speaker Guerry Hodderson discusses how misogyny, McCarthyism & a harassment lawsuit are being used to target the uppity women leaders of Radical Women & the Freedom Socialist Party. Find out how they're fighting back & winning court decisions. 6:30 pm int'l buffet, 8 pm program. Includes music & poetry for the "flamboyantly feminist". $2 donation, $6 for dinner. For childcare & other info call 864-1278 or 826-8322. Valencia Hall, 523A Valencia St nr 16th, SF.

La Voz Latina performance series of work by Latina women continues with "Dog Lady," a collaboration by SF State's Rainbow Theater, followed by award-winning San Antonio actor Ruby Nelda Perez in a one-woman show, "A Woman's Work." 8 pm, $12. Mission Cultural Ctr, 2868 Mission St, SF. Info: 626-2337.

Gwen Avery in Concert at IMA Cultural Center/Studio Retreat, in Bodega. 8 pm. Call (707) 876-3004 for directions & other info.

Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus of San Jose present "Heels," an original work featuring the music of Cole Porter. Tonight & 3/21 at 8 pm, $10 gen'l. $7 srs & kids under 13. Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1550 Meridian Ave, nr Hamilton Ave, San Jose. Info/reg: (408) 275-6344.

Klubstitute presents Jennifer Blowdryer's Smutfest, a sex worker's cabaret revue with Danielle "Hell" Willis, Diviana Ingravillo, Lilly Braindrop, Miss Bambi Lake, Ariane Kane, Bobby Lilly, Kathleen Wood, Alvin Orloff, Joel, Jade, Dave "Horndog" MDC, Pendra, Otter & Simone, plus Greta Synder's film, *Shred of Sex*, flamingo dancing, Phillip R Ford's video peep show, Tony Vaguely's "Smut Mountain," a shopping cart adventure ride, and special guest dj Jello Biafra. Two shows, 8 & 10 pm, $4.98. 1751 Fulton St nr Masonic, SF.

Comic Frank Maya in "The Frank Maya Show" at Josie's Cabaret, see 3/12 listing for details.

"Heels," a gay mobster melodrama with the Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus of San Jose. 8 pm tonight & 8 pm, 3/21 at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1550 Meridian Ave, nr Hamilton Ave, San Jose. Tix $10 gen'l, $7 srs (55+) & kids (under 13). Call (408) 275-6344.

Our Comedy, Ourselves: the 5th annual comedy celebration in honor of Women's History Month. Lots of laughs with veteran Bay Area comics Renee Hicks & Marga Gomez, plus newcomer Shyama. 8:15 pm, $10. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: (510) 524-5263. Night of sharp, bold & funny comedy with three female comics not afraid to say the F Word (Feminist). Don't miss!

ATA Gallery's Other Cinema series continues with "Against Patriarchy," a night of film by Amy Harrison (*Guerrillas in Our Midst*), Barbara Hammer (*History of the World According to a Lesbian*), Jennifer Montgomery (*I, A Lamb*), Valerie Soe (*An American Princess*) and others. 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF.

Funnymen Scott Capurro, Tim Wiggins & Goeff Bolt at The Other Cafe, see 3/12 listing for details.

Susannah McCorckle at Yoshi's, see 3/13 listing for details.

Bi-Friendly Women's Party in honor of Women's Herstory Month. In SF's Castro District. 9 pm. Info/location: Naomi, Sandy, Ann or Sue 826-1636.

Media Alliance & Film Arts Foundation celebrate their long run (16 years!) with an "Exotic Melodic Sweet Sixteen" Anniversary Celebration tonight at Olive Oil's, Pier 50, 295 China Basin Way, SF. Includes entertainment by rollerblading lounge singer Joey Cheezhee and Lavay Smith of *Red Hot Skillet Lickers* fame. Tix $11 at door, $9 in adv (before 3/12). Info: Media Alliance 441-2557 or Film Arts Foundation 552-8760.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret, with comics Mark Davis, Suzy Berger & Dan Morgan. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/reg: 861-7933.



The Women's Philharmonic premieres "The Unwelcome Rhythm of Your Pulse"—see Mar. 21 for info.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Bird Killers, Skyclad* and *Nine*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

MAR 15 / SUN

Breathwork for People with HIV: Spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program. Dr Katherine Matthews-Ha teaches T'ai Chi Gung for people with HIV. Free. Sign-up required. Call the Activities Line for info/reg: 777-2273.

To Do Justly: Ethics & the Professions in Contemporary Society: A conference spons by SF Hillel. 9 am-5 pm, $10. Examine Jewish perspectives on ethical issues in law, medicine, nursing, journalism & business. Keynote: ethicist Rabbi Richard Freund. Includes lunch, Klezmer music, wine & cheese reception. Info: SF Hillel 333-4922.

Initiation for Gay Men: Spirit Camp & Ropes course for gay/bi men interested in physical challenge, risk-taking & sharing the journey from boyhood to manhood with other adult men. Today is the deadline for reservations for this event, to be held on 4/10-12 at Camp Meeker nr Occidental, CA. Led by Randy Gunhoe, MA & performer Keith Hennessey. Info/reg: 995-2663.

Finding & Maintaining Satisfaction Our Way: A wkshop facilitated by Jeanne Adleman, MA. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Today & 3/29, 10 am-2 pm, $15-25 SL fee. 145 Guerrero St, SF. Adv reg required, call Pat Durham 626-7000 for details.

12th Annual Rakkasah, Middle Eastern Dance Festival, see 3/13. Final day!

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women, meets 1-4 pm. Call Krista 661-1497 for info/location.

The Blues, Piano & Vocals Wkshop with Gwen Avery. 1-4 pm, $35. Spons by IMA (Institute for Musical Arts) at IMA Center in Bodgega, for details/reg call (707) 876-3004.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) musicians & performers workshop meets at 3 pm. For info/location call 731-2424.

Salsa with *Candella* at El Rio: Going away party for Anthony Blea, popular local violinist who is joining the Spanish National Orchestra. 4-8 pm, no cover. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

War After War: Celebration of the publication of the latest *City Lights Review*, a post-Desert Storm examination of the Middle East, Israel/Palestine & the war at home: militarism, eco-catastrophe, state terror, abuses of power, media manipulation & control, and insurgencies on the home front. 4-6 pm. Meet editors Nancy J Peters, Robert Sharrard & Amy Scholder. City Lights Bookstore, 261 Columbus Ave, SF. Free.

Big Bingo Blowout presented by Golden Gate Connection, a social club for heavyset men & their admirers. 4-8 pm, $10. The Club provides corned beef & cabbage and beverages, please bring a dish to share. St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF. Info/reg: Bobbi (415) 871-7870 or Arlen (510) 233-6503.

St Patrick's Day Tea Dance with Gail Wilson and *City Swing*. 5-9 pm at Contours Gallery, 50 Otis St, SF. Complimentary dance class led by Cynthia Glinka at 5-6 pm. Guest appearances by the SF Tap Troupe and *Vocal Minority*. Tix $12. Call 554-0402 for info/res.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Author Carolyn McVickar Edwards reads from her book, *The Storyteller's Goddess*. 5 pm. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Women's Circle for Peace: 6 pm at Gifts of the Goddess, 973 Valencia St, SF. All women welcome. Bring sacred objects for the altar. Info: 266-9201.

MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets 6:30 pm. Topics: menopause, health, self-image, relationships, aging parents, wills, self-esteem & more. SF location. Info: Pat 647-0413.

Cashing In Your Life Insurance Policies: John Johnson of Affirmative Lifestyles gives a presentation & answers questions on how terminally ill people can cash in their life insurance policies. Learn the history & status of this relatively new service, including new state regulations issued by the Calif Dept of Insurance. 7 pm. Spons by the Dignity/SF AIDS Support Group. At Dolores Street Church, corner of Dolores & 15th, SF. Info: Dignity 255-9244.

Gospel Music Concert at MCC-SF with recording artist/songwriter Marsha Stevens. 7 pm. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Pa'amayim, the lesbian/gay & bisexual Jewish students group at UC Berkeley's Hillel Foundation, spons a benefit concert tonight with singer/songwriter Judith Kate Friedman, performance artist Yehuda, and Jewish juggler Sara Felder. $18 gen'l, $10 stdnts, proceeds benefit the Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Community Ctr in Tel Aviv, Israel. For time & other info contact Peter Altman (510) 845-7793.

Jewish Music Concert at La Pena: Rita Falbel & Gerry Tenney sing ballads & sing-alongs in 7 languages from contemporary & traditional American, Eastern European, Israeli, & Sephardic cultures. 7:30 pm, $7-10. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/reg: 849-2568.

"Women Unite, Take Back the Night," an eve of video & discussion emphasizing racial & cultural diversity in the movement to combat violence & reclaim our power as women. Benefit for the Take Back the Night, Take Back Our Lives march. Videos screened include *Just Because of Who We Are*, video on violence against women, and *Yes Means Yes, No Means No*, an interracial date rape drama. Videos followed by discussion of diversity, inclusion and representation in feminist organizing. Discussion is for women only, screening open to everyone. 7:30 pm, $5-10. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Comic Frank Maya in "The Frank Maya Show" at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St, SF. See 3/12 listing for details.

Susan McCorkle at Yoshi's, see 3/13 listing for details.

3rd Annual Miss Uranus Pageant: "Beauty Doesn't Have to Be Pretty," a night of "fabulism, exploitation & exploration," at Club Uranus as the Club chooses its next etiquette director & fashion magistrate in a star-studded celebration of depravity & poor judgment. Opulent superstar, notorious power queen & *Bay Times* columnist Ggreg Taylor emcees. Judges include Elvis Herselvis, Donald Simrock, Miss Kitty Litter & Pussy Tourette. 401 6th St at Harrison, SF. 10:30 pm, $5. See you there!

MAR 16 / MON

Women's Writers Wkshop spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-8 pm at 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Mario Mondelli. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/reg: 861-7933.

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight & 3/23 for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm. All bisexuals (& bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Pierre 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly East Bay meets for food, drink & conversation at the Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph at Parker. 7:30 pm. All bisexuals (& bi-friendly others) are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.

Women's Spirituality Group spons by Spectrum (formerly Ministry of Light) meets 7:30 pm tonight. For location & program details call 457-1115.

BATS (Bay Area Theatresports) perform tonight & 3/16, 23 & 30. Night of improv theater played as a sporting event (except tonight's show, which features "Stories from the Mask," a collection of improv stories in the Mask tradition). 8 pm, $10. $3 stdnt discount. ACT Playroom, 450 Geary Blvd, SF. Info: BATS Hotline 824-8220.

Japanese Monster Orgy Rumble: Night of Japanese supernatural & horror films, with live music by *The Steeple Snakes* and *Spooky Yaki*, at DNA Lounge. See *Destroy All Monsters* (1968) and *War of the Gargantuas* (1967), plus 2 episodes of the Japanese TV show, "Ultraman." 8 pm, $5. 375 11th St, SF. Info: 626-1409.

Author Ellen Gilchrist reads from her new novel, *Net of Jewels*. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Paper Tiger TV presents news you won't see on network TV—at 10 *or* 11. Tonight's program covers President Bush's visit to SF, includes an interview with Jerry Brown on media issues, and analysis of the coverage thru Super Tuesday. 8 pm on Viacom cable channel 25.

MAR 17 / TUE

"Never Forget, Never Again: Holocaust Oral History: a talk by Lani Silver, founder of the Holocaust Oral

Parents & Kids Box

Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Bowling Trip: 3/15, 3-5 pm. Spons by Spectrum (formerly Ministry of Light), call 457-1115 for info.

Purim Fun at Temple Israel: 3/15, 10 am-noon—Hammantaschen-baking. 3/18, 7 pm—Megillah reading in Hebrew & English, come in costume, for kids of all ages. 3/22, 10 am-noon—Purim carnival, booths, prizes, costumes, food & fun! 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Call (510) 522-9355 for info.

Purim Storyteller for Kids & Families: Master storyteller Doug Lipman interweaves guitar music & song in an afternoon of Purim stories for children & their families. 3/15 at 1:30 pm, free. Jewish Community Library, 601 14th Ave at Balboa, SF. Info: 751-6983.

Fun for Kids: Community-wide Purim Festival at Brotherhood Way JCC: Carnival games, fortune tellers, face painting, magic show, juggling & storytelling, costume contests with prizes, Haman's Mystery Maze, Giant Dragon Moonwalk, delicious Middle Eastern food—a great way to spend the day with your kids. Program: Noon, magic show with Naomi Caspe; 12:45 pm, storytelling with Joan Sutton; 1:30 pm, juggling with Ross MacKinney. Activity tix 25 cents each. Kids & adults are encouraged to wear costumes. 11 am-3 pm, 655 Brotherhood Way, SF. Info: 406-1002.

Prospective Queer Parents Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.

Mascaritas Puppet Theater in "Madam Scrooga," a bilingual adaptation of the classical children's tale for kids; and "The Selfish Giant," the story of a grownup who learns the value of sharing. Part of "La Voz Latina," performance series, spons by Life on the Water Theatre's Latino Theatre Project. 3/15 at 2 pm, $5 adults, $2 kids. Mission Cultural Ctr, 2868 Mission St at 25th, SF. Info: 626-2337.

Children's Poetry at Exit Theatre: "Poetry Potpourri," a performance piece consisting of poems written by kids. 3/28 at 3 pm, free. 366 Eddy St, SF. Info: 665-5619 or 931-1094.

"You Are, I Am," New Conservatory Children's Theatre presents play by Rachel LePell. Drama examines racism in an urban middle school setting. Runs Sat & Sun, 3/21-4/5 at 3 pm. Tix $11 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. 25 Van Ness at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-8972.

Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Fri nights from dusk to 11 pm for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies, star clusters & nebulae thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope and on Sat mornings from 10 am-noon for solar viewing thru a 6-inch refractor telescope. Free. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway round the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.

For Kids at La Pena: 3/14, 10:30 am—Songs from Latin American countries, with Alisa Peres & Claudia Gomez. $3 adults, $2 kids. 3/21, 10:30 am—Amiguitos de La Pena present storytelling with Anita Jones, songs with Nancy Raven. $3 adults, $2 kids. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Plum City Players group of storytellers, songwriters & musicians present programs of original music & international folklore for kids & their parents at La Pena Cultural Center: 10:30 am, 3/28 & 4/25. Kids $2, grownups $3. Info: (510) 845-5095 or (510) 222-6931.

Cody's for Kids (and their parents): 3/21 at 10 am: Bone expert & author (*The Bones Book & Skeleton*) Stephen Cumbaa brings bone games & real bones for a special presentation. Recommended for kids ages 6-12. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

For Kids at Temple Israel: Stories, songs & fun at highly participatory services—Tot Shabbat for preschoolers, 3rd Sat of each month at 9:15 am, family shabbat for school-age kids, 1st Fri of each month at 7:30 pm. Religious/Hebrew school for K-12, every Sun & Wed. Small, friendly Reform congregation, lesbian, gay & bisexual people welcome! Info: (510) 522-9355.

Sharon Art Studio offers classes for children, youth & adults in glass, beading, Indian beading, Fimo bead artistry, printmaking, jewelry & more. Reasonable fees, scholarships available. Golden Gate Park, SF, near Children's Playground. Info: 753-7006 or 753-7004.

Richmond Art Center: Registration open for over 40 classes & wkshops for adults & children in a variety of visual arts media. Terrific series of classes for kids ages 3-16 including "I Love to Paint," "Clay for Kids, "Imaginings," "Pre-teen Pottery," plus classes in painting, drawing & printmaking. Day, evening & wkend classes begin on 3/30. Call 620-6772 for info.

"Change the World," a 3½ month community health & leadership training for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people, under 21. Spons by the Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Thursdays, 3/19-6/25, 4-6:30 pm at Lyon-Martin, 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. Info: 565-7681. Learn about substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, grassroots organizing, alliance building, and other important issues.

History Project. Gives short chronicle of the Project, with emphasis on how the telling of personal stories can change the way history is recorded & evaluated. Noon-1 pm at Herbst Hall, Mt Zion Hospital, 1600 Divisadero St, SF. Part of UCSF Women's Resource Ctr's "Breaking Down the Barriers" series in honor of Women's History Month. Info: 476-0400.

Lavendar Lounge, TV Dance Party for Gay Boys & Girls, airs (tentative schedule, call the hotline to confirm program, 337-4921) "Twins," part I. 1:30 pm, SF cable channel 25.

Shanti Project's Activities Program Volunteer Training: 1:30 pm at 525 Howard St, SF. Volunteers needed to help staff this activities program for people with HIV/AIDS. Info: 777-2273.

Free Home Remodeling Seminar: Offered by Rozelle's Construction. Learn how to save time, worry & money when remodeling. 6:30 pm. At Diamond Heights Police Academy, 350 Amber Dr, SF. Info: 824-1938.

Financial Planning for People with HIV: Tim P Cooper, CFP (certified financial planner) discusses short & long term "financial housekeeping," wills, trusts, property & investments. 6:30-8 pm, free, no reg is required. Kaiser Med Ctr, 280 West MacArthur Blvd, Oakl. For info call (510) 596-6848.

Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. 7 pm, $12. Classical nude modeling by poster-boy & magazine star Marcus Allen. 1229 Folosm St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

Seeking Your Spiritual Path series of ongoing free workshops at Rest Stop Center continues with "Creating Meaningful Ritual." 7-9 pm. Taught by Bert Herrman. 134 Church St, SF. Info: Erik 621-1701. Open to all.

"Montram: A Path to Inner Peace," presented by Jonathan, an Amron minister & meditation instructor. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans mtg: Experienced outdoor travelers share their adventures in the canyonlands of southern Utah & the volcanoes of Hawaii. 7:30 pm, free. 730 Polk St, SF. Info: 285-9660.

Int'l Indian Treaty Council monthly benefit event at La Pena. 7:30 pm, donation. For program details & other info call 566-0251. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Erotic Reading Circle for Women at Good Vibrations: Find out what a women's fancy turns to in spring... 7:30-9:30 pm, women only. Free. Women of all preferences & proclivities are invited to this monthly gathering. Bring any erotic writing, published or unpublished, smutty or sublime, yours or someone else's, and share it with the group. Non-judgmental listening guaranteed, punctuality appreciated. 1210 Valencia St, SF. Info: 550-7399.

Sephardic Heritage Series at SF Jewish Community Center continues with "Life Under Islam: The Sephardic Experience," talk by San Jose State professor Mira Zussman. Mira tells how Jews found refuge in the Ottoman Empire after being expelled from Catholic Spain, and discusses the differences in Islamic governments, then and now. 7:30 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Tommi Avicolli Mecca in "All in All I'd Rather Be Having Sex," see 3/13 listing for details.

Frighten the Horses Benefit at 1800 Square Feet. Performers/authors include Tamar Perla, Trish Thomas, Mark Pritchard, Carol Queen & Kris Kovick. 8 pm, $5-10. 719 Clementina, btwn 8th & 9th, Folsom & Howard, SF. Info: 255-8510.

June Jordan, poet/essayist, speaks at Herbst Theatre as part of City Arts & Lectures' "On Art & Politics" series. Jordan is introduced by Angela Davis. 8 pm, $14 & $12. Proceeds benefit the Women's Foundation. Info/res: 392-4400.

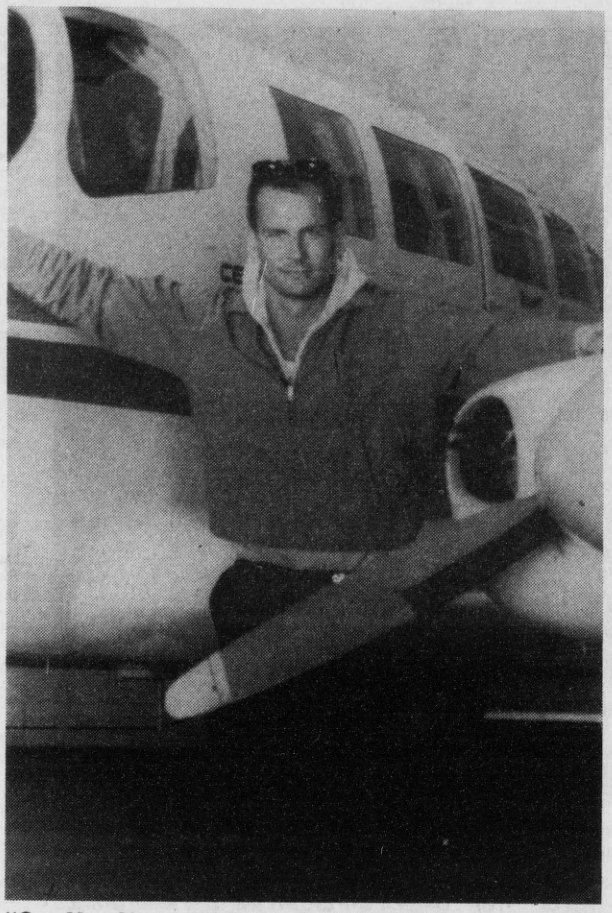
Solo Motion: Night of work by participants in Nina Wise's performance workshop. Performances by Giovanna Goldberg, Marti Cate, Rose Levinson & Marjorie Newton. 8 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF.

MAR 18 / WED

"Women in the Final Frontier: A Personal Journey," talk by Millie Hughes Fulford, PhD, asst professor & astronaut. She gives a personal account of her voyage on Columbia STS40. Part of UCSF Women's Resource Ctr's "Breaking Down the Barriers" series in honor of Women's History Month. HSW 300, UCSF, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-0400.

Free Theater Classes offered by Rest Stop Support Center, a center for people with HIV/AIDS & ARC, & their families. Theater games, improv, production. Beginners & advanced welcome. Today & 3/25. Classes are ongoing. Info: 621-1701.

Men's Discovery Group spons by



"One Man Sleeps While the Other Man Drives," an exhibit of paintings by Scott Miller at Art Lick. Galleries has details.

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:30 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Led by George Birimisa. Today's topic: "Are You a Chicken Hawk?" Info: 626-7000.

Bi-Friendly UC Support Group/Social: 6:30 pm at UC Berkeley. ASUC Bldg, Douglas Fir Room. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF communities & their friends are welcome! Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

"Feminisms in the 90s" discussion series spons by SF NOW continues 7-9 pm at the SF Women's Bldg. Tonight's topic: "Anti-racism & multiculturalism within the women's movement." 3543 18th St, SF. Info: Marcia Munson 431-7329.

Women's Creative Writing Wkshop: Focus on the use of imaginative exercises to inspire creativity & generate material. Feedback, individualized help in developing commitment to writing. All levels welcome. For info/res: Suzanne (510) 530-7559 or (415) 267-5535. 8 wks, thru April.

Cuban Film: See *Portrait of Teresa*. Story of a housewife whose political & cultural activity incurs the wrath of her husband, who believes she should stay at home. 7:30 pm, $3-5. Spons by the Venceremos Brigade. At La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Bodywork in Recovery: Wkshop with Sara Sunstein. Learn to listen & understand your body, using massage, guided awareness, imagery & drawing. 7:30 pm, free. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Author Donald Spoto discusses his new book, *Laurence Olivier: A Biography*, which offers the first detailed examination of the links between Olivier's turbulent professional & emotional life, revealing his troubled childhood, secret 10-year relationship with comedian Danny Kaye, and 3 unhappy marriages to Jill Esmond, Vivien Leigh & Joan Plowright. 7:30 pm, free. A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Occupied Territories Update: 4 Bay Area women (Yvonne Byron, Eileen Hansen, Barbara Newcombe & Kathryn Smick) who recently visited the Occupied Territories as participants in a women's peace delegation, share their experiences, plus slideshow of Israel & Palestine. 7:30 pm tonight at Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek, call (510) 933-7850 for info; and on 3/25 at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 7-9 pm. Call Eileen 621-5620 for info ($3-10 SL donaton requested).

Suspension Class spons by Bondage Buddies. Hands-on wkshop with experienced bondage tops in equipped playspace. Exploration of the suspension experience. 7:30 pm, $30. Info/location: 292-3228.

Poets Don Schenker & David Alpaugh read from their works upstairs at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm, $2. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Rollergirls Roll with BACW/Sonoma tonight, 8-10:30 pm at Cal-Skate in Rohnert Park. It's adults-only night! Admission & skate rental $3. Info/directions: Louise (707) 833-2303.

Tommia Avicolli Mecca in "All in All I'd Rather Be Having Sex" at Josie's Cabaret, see 3/13 listing for details.

Are You Evil? Check out the "Marc & Mars National Morality Test" tonight at The Marsh. 8 pm, $5. Spicy blend of comedy & music with Marc (Merle "Ian Shoales" Kessler) and Mars (Deborah Gwinn) at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

MAR 19 / THU

Breaking Down the Barriers: 6th Annual UCSF Women's History Month Poetry Reading. Poet Faracita Wyatt, author of *The River Must Flow* & *By the Banks of the River* headlines this event which includes work by several UCSF women poets including Nellie Wong, Ida VSW red, Carol Tarlen, Denise Harvey, Kathleen McClung, Karen Erlichmann, and others. Noon-2 pm at Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute Auditorium, 401 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-0400.

BAYMEC (Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee) holds a current issues discussion with SF Supervisor Carole Migden. Woodside Room #1, San Jose Hyatt, North First St at Highway 101. Mtg 5:30-7 pm, speaker at 6. $15 donation. Info/RSVP: (408) 297-1024.

WBN (Women's Business Network) Open House at Lake Merritt Boathouse, 568 Bellevue Ave, Oakl. Come celebrate the power of working women in the 90's. 6-9 pm. Special guests: Congresswoman Barbara Boxer & Kathy Neal of Kneal Resource Systems, Inc.

Marin BACW Dines Out: Join Bay Area Career Women for a delicious dinner at Misha's Russian Cafe in San Anselmo. 7 pm. Limited to 12, so reserve early! $2 reservation fee. Info: Sandy 457-1365 before 3/15.

African Americans Shape Modern Dance: A Critical Look at Artists & Values. Symposium is the first installment of the Black Choreographers Moving Project. Panelists include Halifu Osumare, Joe Nash, Jeraldyne Blunden & Gerald E Mey ers. 7 pm, free. For location confirmation, res & other info call Theater Artaud Box Office 621-7797.

Women's Alcohol-Free Social at Mama Bears: Come chat, read, or play board games. 7-11 pm, women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Bay Area Bisexual Network (BABN) Forum on "The History of the Local Bi Movement." 7:30-9:30 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin, SF. Call 564-BABN to confirm.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap meets 7-9:30 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "Sexual vs Non-Sexual Touching: Do You Dwell Too Much on What Comes Next?" Discussion facilitated by Cynthia. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Free Trade in Central America: NICCA (Nicaraguan Center for Community Action) present a discussion on the impact of the North American "free trade" agreement in Central America, from the labor perspective. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

"AIDS & Dentistry," Frank Grimaldi, DDS, reports on th latest findings from the Centers for Disease Control about HIV infection of patients by health care workers. Grimaldi also discusses how to select a dentist, and answers individual questions following the presentation. 7:30 pm, $5. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Comic Frank Maya in "The Frank Maya Show" at Josie's Cabaret, see 3/12 listing for details.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Celebration of *My Brother's Keeper*, a new anthology that serves to deconstruct the monolithic view of Black men, reinterpreting Black sonship as gay sons, incarcerated sons, forgetten sons, prodigal sons, and poets. Readers include: Michael Dather, Keith M Harris, Jamal Holmes, Jerry Thompson, Marvin K White & Ronaldo V Wilson. 8 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Local author/teacher Leslie Simon reads from her new book, *Collisions & Transformations*. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales; no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Author Leslie Simon reads from her new book, *Collisions & Transformations*. 8 pm, $3-10 SL, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

"Crooner Kings in Lounge Land," an eve with "the kings of croon"—*The Psychedelic Lounge Cats*, Lars Mars & Durand Begault and Mr Lucky—at DNA Lounge, 375 11st St in SF. Doors open at 8 pm, show starts at 9. $5 at door. Info: 558-8112.

MAR 20 / FRI

"Creating a Sacred Space," annual women's retreat spons by Metropolitan Community Church of SF (MCC). Small group discussions & large group presentations, play, table fellowship & free time, worship. Focus on the dynamics of inclusion & exclusion in women's lives. Held today thru 3/22 at camp Monte Toyon nr Santa Cruz. Co-facilitated by Sharna Sutherin & Selisse Berry. Limited to 50 women. $90. $40 non-refundable deposit due by 3/8, balance by 3/15. Info: 863-4433.

Soccer Lovers: Women's 1st Division Team seeks experienced defensive players. Call (510) 540-7540 for details.

Women's Wkend Yoga Retreat: with Deborah Karish, DC, MS. Today thru 3/22 at Joy Springs Ranch, Geyserville, Sonoma County. Designed for beginners. Held on 160 acres of beautiful coastal land. Attention paid to specific needs. $165. Class size limited, call (707) 431-0615 for info/reg.

"Step to This! Women in Rap Second to None!" Rap artist YoYo offers an in-your-face look at what it takes for a woman to collect her "props" in the rap scene, and how women in the business are creating affirming messages for young women of all colors. Noon-1 pm lecture, 1-2 pm record sale & autograph session. Spons by UCSF Wonen's Resource Ctr as part of their "Breaking Down the Barriers" series in honor of Women's History Month. Cole Hall, UCSF, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-0400.

TGIF with BACW/Sonoma: Celebrate the end of the work week with Bay Area Career Women at Tweet's, 544 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. $7. No-host bar. For info call Cherle (707) 544-4266 or Amy (707) 874-1621.

The Legacy of Anita Hill: Sexual Harassment in the Workplace. KPFA commentator jeane paisley-greene gives the intro for this discussion featuring Oakland attorney Barbara Bryant, a specialist in employment discrimination, wrongful termination & sexual harassment. 7-9:30 pm at Morrison Hall, JFK University, 12 Altarinda Rd, Orinda. $5 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 254-0105 or (510) 525-8556.

Support Group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning young women of color, ages 23 & under meets tonight (see 3/13 listing). Tonight's topic: Racism in the Queer Community.

Marin BACW Country Dancing Lessons: Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of country dancing fun! 7-9 pm. For info/location call Sharon 453-9317.

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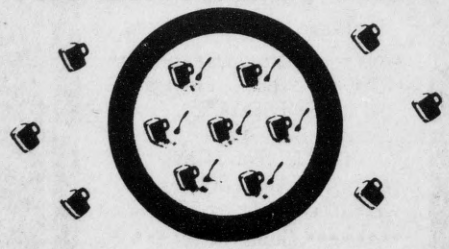
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Jess Hawk Oakenstar, women's music festival regular, in concert tonight at Mama Bears. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/reg: (510) 428-9684.

"Beyond Beat," night of poetry & music with poets ruth weiss and Hack Hirschman. 9 pm, $5. Upstairs at the Elbo Room, Valencia at 17th Sts, SF.

MAR 21 / SAT

Lesbian Contingent/Cinderella Bicycle Classic: Wonder where all the lesbians are when you ride in the Classic every year? Well, this year you can find out at the start of the ride! The lesbian contingent meets at 8 am, after bike inspection & check-in, in the grassy area in front of the Dublin High School Cafeteria (where registration is held). We'll start off riding together & later break off according to pace & company. Registration is $10 and must be postmarked by today for the 3/28 race, or you'll have to pay $15. Same-day reg is allowed. Helmets are required. For reg forms write Valley Spokesmen, PO Box 2630, Dublin CA 94568. For more info call Sharon at (408) 629-0139 in San Jose, or Susan (415) 431-2113 in SF.

Richmond District Demo Club spons a Democratic District Convention today, 9 am-5:30 pm. Opportunity for Richmond District Demos to gather to discuss issues of concern, hear candidates running for various offices, vote in a straw poll for Demo presidential nominees & help develop a Richmond District platform to present to SF Mayor Frank Jordan. Event begins with a pancake breakfast, 7:30-9 am; catered lunch available (brown baggers welcome). $5. Pine United Methodist Church, 426 33rd Ave, SF.

SF Gay Tennis Federation holds A-B-C Doubles Tournament today & tmw. For details write: GTF, 2215-r, Market St, Ste 109, SF 94114.

Cross-Dressing Wkshop for Women & Men at The LAB—today's the deadline to register! See 3/28 listing for details.

Red Cross First Aid/CPR Certification: 8-hr course offered. Get both cards in one day for $25. Class repeats on 4/18 & 5/16. Call Lynn 530-7602 for details.

Women & Healing: Reclaiming Power. Workshop at Morrison Hall, JFK University, 12 Altarinda Rd, Orinda. 9 am-1 pm, $5 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 254-0105 or (510) 525-8556.

Tulipmania/Alcatraz Tour spons by the AIDS Health Project. Gay & bisexual HIV positive men are invited to attend the annual Pier 39 Tulipmania Walk, a round-trip tour of Alcatraz, and an after-tour "Dutch Treat" brunch (attend some or all events). Alcatraz tour costs $8.50. Special parking arrangements available with Pier 39 Lot on Powell, nr Embarcadero, SF. RSVP: Jonathan 641-4231; for other info call Josh Bottfeld 431-9049.

City Hike with SF Hiking Club. Hike up or down a dozen stairways in SF. Meet 10 am in front of Eureka Valley Rec Ctr on Collingwood nr 18th, in the SF Castro District (behind Cala Market). Hike goes thru several residential neighborhoods—Twin Peaks, Golden Gate Heights, Forest Hill. 6 miles, with 1100 ft elevation gain. Bring lunch, liquid, & 85 cents for MUNI. Rain cancels.

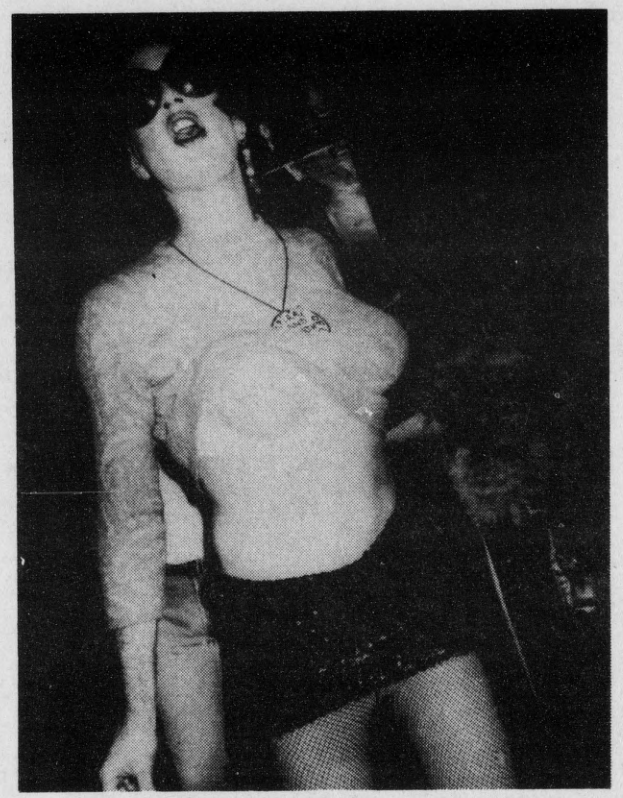
Unity in Sobriety: An Eastbay AA conference hosted by members of the gay & lesbian community. Conference seeks to be an extension of the recovery program, maintaining sobriety & esfablishing unity thru use of the 12 Steps. Registration begins at 10 am. $20. No one turned away for lack of funds. Scottish Rite Temple on Lake Merritt, 1547 Lakeside Dr, Oakl. Info: Steve W 228-8081, Doreen G 234-0693.

Bi-Friendly Ice-Skating Party: 2-5 pm at Iceland, 2727 Milvia at Derby, Berkeley (Ashby BART Station stop). $5 admission, $1.75 skate rental. Info: John 775-5697.

Mothertongue Reader's Feminist Theater present their popular script on women's sexuality, "Did You Come or Did You Fake It?" 7:30 pm, $7-10 SL fee. All sexual orientations & genders welcome! Adv tix purchase advised. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, corner of Todd & Stony Point Rd, Santa Rosa. ASL interpreted. Info: ClaireLight Women's Books (707) 575-8879.

"Megillah Madness," Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's annual Purim party extravaganza featues an original play, "Fried Green Hamentashen," a story of coming out, political intrigue & cheerleading commemorating Queen Esther's heroism & the defeat of the wicked Hamen. Curtain call at 8:15 pm, play followed by dj dancing. And available throughout the evening—"Esther's Beauty Salon," a complimentary make-up by professional artists & portrait studio, offering polaroids for posterity! $5 in costume, $7 regular dress. 7:30 pm at the Unitarian Center, Franklin & Geary, SF. Info: 861-6932.

Monte Carlo Night: A benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund, spons by the St Francis Club. Black tie optional. Door prizes, gaming prizes, raffle prizes (including $2500 serigraph from Hanson Galleries) 8 pm-midnight, $35 at door ($25 before 3/16). $10 gaming points included in admission. Info: (510) 658-6602.



3RD ANNUAL MISS URANUS PAGEANT!! The stunningly animated Cheeta, crowned Miss Chaos '91, asserts her haughty style of dominion, even though she no longer has an empire over which to rule. Cheeta will crown the new Miss Uranus '92 at the Mar. 15 pageant. (Photo courtesy of Lewis Walden)

Improv Comedy & Music at Mama Bears tonight with *Over Our Heads*—Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson & Marion Damon. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

"Heels," a gay mobster melodrama with the Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus of San Jose. See 3/14 listing for details.

Pacific Rim Concert: The Women's Philharmonic presents a concert of music from the Pacific Rim, including the premiere of a new work by Lucia Hwong. 8 pm, $18. The Philharmonic is joined by soprano Susan Rode Morris & Chorissima/SF Girls Choral Association. 7 pm "Concert Conversations," informal discussion with the conductor & guest composers, at 7 pm. Program starts at 8 pm. First Congregational Church at Post & Mason, SF. Info/tix: 543-2297.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Heather Bishop concert! 8:30 pm, $7-10. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

ATA Gallery's Other Cinema series continues with "Sexual Objects,"—see Annie Sprinkle & Maria Beatty's *Sluts & Goddesses*, Cathy Cook's *The Match ThatStarted My Fire*; Sadie Benning's *Jollies*; and others. 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Pansy Division, Mr Id,* and *Clock Brain*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Party with Zebra Brigade, a social group for Black & White lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980.

MAR 22 / SUN

Women's Potluck Brunch in SF: Spons by Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. 11 am. Info/directions: Randi 824-7250.

Women's Brunch spons by Gay/Lesbian Sierra Club. 11 am, no reservations necessary—just drop-in! At Randi's, 3683 19th St, SF. Info: 824-7250. Non-members welcome.

Reggae Marathon Party at El Rio, noon-midnight, $6, with special giveaways. A salute to Bob Marley with *Strictly Roots, One World* and *Mix Down*, plus dj's Spliff Skankin, Massive Sounds International, Clique Int'l, Slim Int'l, General Patton, and Julian Night Owl Sounds. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Afternoon Movie & Dinner in SF, spons by the Lesbian/Gay Social Group of the Santa Rosa Church of Religious Science. For time, mtg place & other info call Cheryl (707) 584-8105.

Writers in Conversation: An evening of readings & dialogues to benefit Redwood Cultural Work; with Sara Levi Calderon, Susan Griffin, Joy Harjo & Cherrie Moraga. Moderator: Holly Near. $100 per person, tix includes light buffet reception following program. Seating limited. Call (510) 835-1445 for info.

At A Different Light Bookstore: 5 pm reception for photographer Tom, whose work focuses on territories of uncharted gender. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Reading of new work by Orson Titus Maquelani, a Black bebop poet & social-political fabulist. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

MAR 23 / MON

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight for food, drink & conversation, see 3/16 listing for details.

"A Play to Be Named Later," by Anthony Clarvoe. Staged reading about baseball, hot dogs, road trips & pregnancy. 7:30 pm, donation requested. Spons by Upstart Stage. At LaVal's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 527-3123.

BATS (Bay Area Theatresports) at ACT Playroom, see 3/16 listing.

Paper Tiger TV News: Program includes Int'l Women's Day demo coverage, Women's History Month events & other community news. 8 pm, Viacom cable channel 25.

STTV: Straight Talk Television features alternative music & news in the community. 10 pm, SF Viacom cable channel 25.

MAR 24 / TUE

Lesbian Uprising! Political Group meets. Topic: Lesbians & reproductive freedom and abortion rights, a pre pro-choice march/rally (3/29) discussion. For location, time & other info, call 441-6238.

Escolo Nova de Samba & Omulu Senzala Group: Dance presentation in the tradition of Rio's Samba School, joined by demo of Afro-Brazilian Copoeira martial arts. Part of UCSF Women's Resource Ctr's "Breaking Down the Barriers" series in honor of Women's History Month. Noon-1 pm at Millberry Union Gym, UCSF, 500 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-0400.

Lavendar Lounge TV Dance Party for gay boys & girls airs "Twins," part 2 (tentative schedule, call the hotline 337-4921, to confirm program). 1:30 pm, SF cable channel 25.

Shanti Board of Directors March Mtg: 6:15 pm at 525 Howard St, SF. Public welcome. Info: Craig Barnard 777-2273.

Sex & Love Addictions Class: Free 8-wk class spons by SF Community College's Castro-Valencia program. Topics include characteristics of addictive love & sexual addiction, the addictive cycle, addict belief systems, compulsive sexual behavior, co-addiction, effects on relationships, healthy belonging & recovery. Tues eves, 6:30 pm, at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Info: 585-5150.

Vernal Equinox Celebration at the Church of Amron. Ritual & communion based on ancient tradition. 7 pm. All welcome. 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. 7 pm, $12. Classical nude modeling by Bare Chest calendar model Jim Rueth. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

Familiar Haunts at The Marsh: Performances & readings from the pages of *June* with Cynthia Gates Fujikawa, Diana Halperin, Randall Homan, Stephanie Hunt & Connie Richardson. 8 pm, $6. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF.

MAR 25 / WED

Hortiphiles Guided Hike/Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve—today's the deadline for reservations, see 3/29 listing for details.

Older Lesbians Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets noon-2 pm at 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000. Bring a bag lunch if you want to.

Field of Greens: Exec Chef Annie Somerville discusses the phenomenal success of Greens Vegetarian Restaurant, provides a personal look at the intracies of creating exciting culinary fare. Part of UCSF Women's Resource Ctr's "Breaking Down the Barriers" series in honor of Women's History Month. HSW 300, UCSF, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Noon-1 pm. Info: 476-0400.

Cartoon Art Museum Tour for people with HIV: Shanti Project's Activities Program sponsors a tour of the Cartoon Art Museum. See "Black Ink" exhibit of work by African American cartoonists and "Broad Humor: Women Cartoonists of the Past, Present & Future." Sign-up required, call the Events Line 777-2273 for info/reg.

Lavendar Lounge TV Dance Party for Gay Boys & Girls invites you to be on TV—theme for tonight's taping is "Back to School" & show features SF School Board member, comic Tom Ammiano; plus the lip-syncing Velma Void. 6-11 pm, Call the hotline 337-4921 for location & other details.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local mtg of the national lesbian/gay rights organization. 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.

Feminism in the '90s discussion series spons by SF NOW, continues at the Women's Bldg. Tonight's topic: "Reproductive rights for all women—the pro-choice agenda." 7-9 pm. 3543 18th St, SF. Info: Marcia Munson 431-7329.

Living Trusts Wkshop: They're not just for the wealth! Learn why a living trust beats joint tenancy, avoids probate, and is better than a will. 7-9 pm, $25. Info/res: Law Offices of Linda Scaparotti, (510) 835-0850.

See *Funny Ladies* film by Pamela Beere Briggs, narrated by Jean Stapleton. A portrait of women cartoonists, featuring Dale Messic ("Brenda Starr"), Cathy Guisewite ("Cathy"), Nicole Hollander ("Sylvia"), and Lynda Barry ("Ernie Pook's Comeek"). Show includes shorts by Sally Crikshank, Cindy Canejo & Katherine Leigh. Today thru 3/31 at The Red Vic Movie House, 1727 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-8999. Director present on opening night.

Taize Candlelight Service at MCC-SF: Prayer service in the chapel. 7:30 pm. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Ache Film Series returns to La Pena with a screening of *Sisters in the Struggle*, film exploring the diversity, vision & impetus of the contemporary Black women's movement in Canada. 7:30 pm, donation. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Money, Love, Intimacy & Power: An eve for couples. Learn how money helps to establish the balance of power in relationships, and how it can be used to build greater intimacy. 7:30 pm, $15 couples, $10 singles. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Marc & Mars Do the Laundry (after all, it's been almost a year) tonight at The Marsh. Spicy blend of comedy & music with Marc (Merle "Ian Shoales" Kessler) and Mars (Deborah Gwinn). 8 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

Bondage, Harddick & Fun S/M party for gay men spons by Bondage Buddies. Safesex radicalsex party in fully equipped playspace. 8 pm, $10. Info/res: 292-3228.

Translators William O'Daley & John Felstiner read from their work upstairs at Cody's, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm, $2. Info: (510) 845-7852.

MAR 26 / THU

"It's Never Too Late: Freeing the Creative Spirit," June Watanabe, dancer/choreographer, discusses how she has, through dance, been able to find her self & create rites of passage for the personal events in a woman's life. Part of UCSF Women's Resource Ctr's "Breaking Down the Barriers" series in honor of Women's History Month. Noon-1 pm, Mission Center, rm 125, 1855 Folsom St, SF. Info: 476-0400.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Z Budapest, author & priestess, conducts an in-store ritual & demo showing how to tap into the moon's powers for peace, health & energy. 7:30 pm. A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap meets 7-9:30 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "Lesbian Fusion." Discussion facilitated by Lynn. Info: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196.

Bernard Cooper reads & signs copies of his 1991 PEN/Hemingway Award-winning collection of essays, *Maps to Anywhere*. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

"Neo Lesbo Video," a collection of recent work by Calif-based lesbian film & videomakers. Works ranging from the sexy to the serious by various artists including Azian Nurudin, Ingrid Wilhite, June Palladino, Phylis Christopher, Andrea Slane, Christine Rasmussen, Barbara Hammer, Jenni Olson, Lisa Ginsburg and Michal Goralsky. Many of the artists will be present at tonight's screening. Part of Frameline's Out on Thursday monthly screening series. 7:30 pm, $4. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St, SF. Screening preceded by a special reception in conjunction with Eye Gallery's current "Not Lying Down," exhibit, an installation by lesbian artist Kaucyila Brooke. The 5:30-7:30 pm reception is free.

Mandalove, a new work by Koichi Tamano, performed by Unbound Spirit Dance Co. Tonight thru 3/28 at 8 pm, 3/29 at 2 pm, at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Asian American Dance Collective presentation. Tix $12 adv, $15 at door, $2 discount for stdnts & srs. Info/res: 621-7797.

Club Female Trouble presents "Another One Night Stand" at DNA Lounge with *Mudwimmin, Lucy Stoners, Malibu Barbie, Mrs Jones* and special guest emcee Elvis Herselvis! Doors open at 8 pm, show starts at 8:30 pm. Info: 550-0148.

ON STAGE

Love & Anger by George F Walker. This comic attack on power & its abuses pits the "reborn" attorney Petie Maxwell against the powerful publisher of a "fascist rag." Actors Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 4/5 at 8 pm, $12. 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

Leonardo da Vinci & the Possibility of Human Flight by Michael Andrew Walton. Play addresses the frustrations of the human condition. El Mico Bravo production. Play runs thru 3/22 at Somar Theatre in SF. For tix info/res: 441-8927.

Substance of Things Hoped For, a trilogy by Andrew Caldwell. Examines the faith & revelations faced by three people: a young girl institutionalized following an incestuous rape, a young gay man hospitalized with AIDS, and an elderly homeless woman living on the streets of Washington, DC. Runs Sun at 2 pm thru 3/29 at the Plough & the Stars, 116 Clement St in SF. Tix $8 at door. Info: (707) 649-1407.

Beauty & the Beast for Flamenco, an adaptation of the classic fairy tale by Irene Haughey for 16 dancer/singers. Phoenix Theatre production. $13. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, $13, Sun at 3 pm, $10. Thru 3/22. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423 or 621-5338.

The Ten PM Dream, premiere of choreographer Della Davidson's work based on the late Anne Sexton's poem cycle "Transformations," a dark, funny & often sexually charged retelling of Grimm's fairy tales. Runs Wed-Sun thru 3/15. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Tix $12 & $14. Info/res: 621-7797.

Deep in a Dream of You, David Cale in a one-man show at Life in the Water. A collection of 12 thematically linked monologues told from different men & women's points of view. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 4/12. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg B, SF. Info/res: 776-8999.

Twice Over by Jackie Kay. Explores the nature of friendships which cross class, generational & racial lines. Grandma Cora's love letters & diaries are found by her granddaughter after her death, causing the granddaughter to wonder if Grandma was gay. Theatre Rhino production. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 4/11. Sun matinees at 3 pm on 3/15, 22 & 29, special twilight peformances at 5 pm on 3/14, 21, 28 & 4/4. Tix $11-17. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Oscar & Bertha by Maria Irene Fornes. Offbeat comedy tells the story of two very eccentric siblings competing for the affections of the same woman. Magic Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 4/12. Tix $12-21. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg D, SF. Info/reg: 441-8822.

Dangerous Beauty: Love in the Age of Earthquakes & AIDS by Lee Jenkins. Work explores the relationship between a bisexual woman & a gay man who is HIV positive and the conflicts that come about when powerful romantic feelings do not conform to the limits of sexual identities. Tale Spinners Theater production. Runs thru 3/29 at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Thurs-Sun at 8 pm. Info/res: 641-0235.

A Murder of Crows by Mac Wellman. Wellman uses an off-center middle class family to raise disturbing questions about politics, religion, class struggle, xenophobia, life, death & the American Dream. Opens 3/13, runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 3/29. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311. Tix $10.

The Convict's Return by Geoff Hoyle & Anthony Taccone. One-man show by Hoyle, popular Bay Area clown/comic, a "monologue on steroids." Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Runs in modified rotating repertory with the second play of Berkeley Rep's Parallel Season, **Dream of a Common Language** by Heather McDonald. New play about self-discovery, sexual natures & the creative force. Opens 3/25 as the 2nd play in Berkeley Rep's Parallel Season. For showtimes & tix info call (510) 845-4700. 2025 Addison St, Berkeley.

The Imposter, a Kyogen adaptation in English of the Moliere comedy masterpiece, "Tartuffe," developed by playwright Carol Sorgenfrei & Theatre of Yugen. Shown with the traditional Kyogen play, **The Owl Mountain Priest**, performed in English. Theatre of Yugen production. Runs Fri & Sat eves at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm, thru 3/28. Tix $12 eve performances. Info/res: 621-0507. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at Alabama, SF.

Apple Pie with George & Jane (or Political Wife Flambe), an interactive mock "meet the candidate reception" based on characters from Bill Talen's "Political Wife." A series of mock receptions marks the triumphal return of George & Jane Cudahay from their whistle stop presidential primary tour of New Hampshire. Runs thru 4/18 at 8 pm. Civic Center Holiday Inn Banquet Rooms, 50 8th St, SF. All performances include dessert with the candidate. Info/res: 776-8999.

Billy Bishop Goes to War, musical comedy/drama by John Gray & Eric Peterson. Based on the true life story of William Bishop, a young Canadian who became the most decorated fighter pilot in WWI. Columbia Actors' Rep production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru 3/29. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $18. Info/res: 861-8972.

Together Again—Sid Caesar & Imogene Coca, legendary comedy team, bring their acclaimed eve of music & comedy to the Marines Memorial Theatre for a limited run—8 pm Wed-Fri; 2 & 8 pm Sat; 2 pm Sun; thru 3/22. 609 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: (415) 771-6900, 1-800-800-TIXS, or (510) 762-BASS.

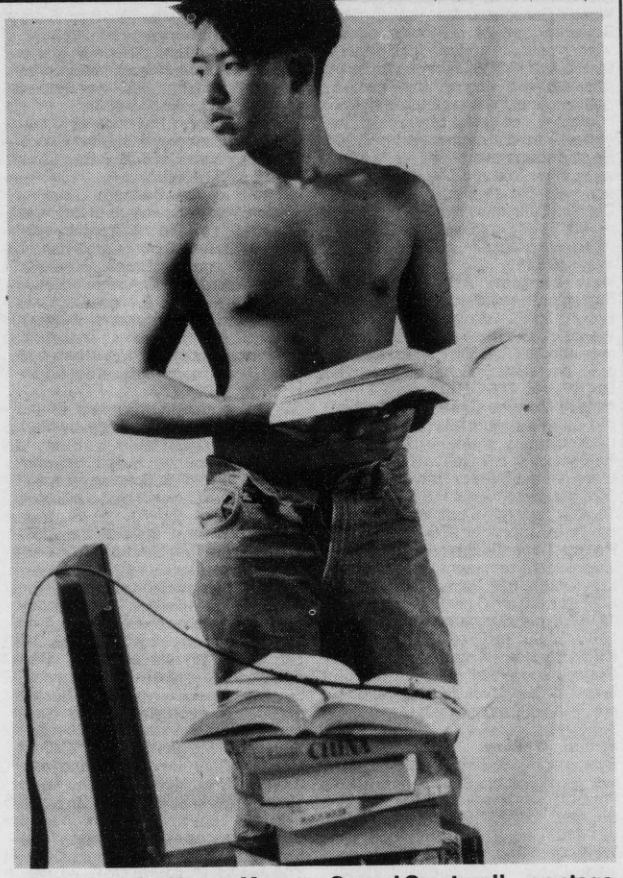
Blue Window by Craig Lucas. Play takes a look at the lives of a group of disconnected New Yorkers who meet at a neighborhood party. Hillbarn Theatre production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm thru 3/28, with Thurs eve performance on 3/12, Sun matinees at 2 pm on 3/15 & 22. Tix $9 gen'l, $7 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 349-6411. Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 E. Hillsdale Blvd, Foster City.

Carrie, a comic interpretation of the 70's film classic, by the Sick & Twisted Players. A Playstitute presentation at Life on the Water Theatre. Show runs on 3/23, followed by cocktail reception; 3/30 & 4/6. All performances at 8 pm. For tix & other info call 776-8999.

Visitations by Death by Omewenne Grimstone. A dark, haunting, surrealistic drama. Playstitute production. Show opens on 3/24, followed by cocktail reception, runs on 3/31 & 4/7. All performances at 8 pm. Life on the Water Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg B, SF. Tix info/res: 776-8999.

Adam & the Experts by Victor Bumbalo. Comedy on sexual repression in the time of AIDS. Thru 3/29. Benefit for the Stop AIDS Project. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

A Portrait of the Young Man as a Sexual Creature by Quentina De Cat. Play focuses on Peekay, a 19 yr old gay Asian intellectual struggling to achieve a compromise btwn his individuality & the racial & sexual stereotypes of a Eurocentric culture. Ixkwisit Death production. Runs 3/12-14, 19-21 at 8 pm at Laval's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. Tix $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info/res: (510) 548-6581.



"Portrait of the Young Man as a Sexual Creature"—on stage at Laval's Subterranean Theatre in Berkeley.

The Walk'll Do You Good by Joe Tramontana. Set in 1968, play explores the heart-wrenching decision of a young man faced with the draft. Daedalus Studio production. Runs Fri & Sun 3/13-4/5. 8 pm. For tix & other info call 621-0377.

Play Strindberg by Friedrich Durrenmatt, translated by James Kirkup. Modern adaptation of Strindberg's play, "The Dance of Death." Complex & intriguing story focuses on Edgar, an arrogant officer; Alice, his no-talent actress wife, and Kurt, an old friend who enters the relationship on the couple's 25th wedding anniversary. SF Playhouse Theatre Co-production. Previews 3/18, opens 3/19, runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 4/18. On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway nr Kearny, SF. Tix $12 Wed & Thurs (2 for 1 days), $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 398-1541.

Double Play, twin bill of new one-act plays by Douglas Dean. **One More Goodbye** is a bittersweet comedy about a May-December gay relationship, **The Cat Dancers** is a suspense drama about an older man terrorized by an intruder in his apartment. Theatre 2000 production. Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru 4/26. Tix $10. The Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 928-5598.

Charley's Aunt by Brandon Thomas. Farce about the legendary lady from Brazil, the funniest gay auntie you could ask for. ACT production. Runs thru 3/28 with a special performance on 3/22 at 7:30 pm, to benefit the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr & Mission Neighborhood Health Ctr. For showtimes, tix & other info call 749-2ACT.

Crimes of the Heart, Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Beth Henly. Comedy about 3 endearing but slightly "off" Southern sisters. Bedini Theatre Project production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, 3/20-4/11, special matinee performance on 4/5 at 2 pm, special Thurs eve performance on 4/9 at 8 pm. Tix $10. Miz Brown's Cabaret Theatre, 2565 Mission St at 22nd, SF. Info/res: 921-2769.

Immaculate Imagination, a one-man performance work by Fred Adler. Consists of a collaborative collection of stories from the family inside Fred, including material from ungainful employment, explorations of the worlds behind things, and an adaptation of the first 30 pages of *One Hundred Years of Solitude*. Runs 3/27-29, 4/3-5 at 8 pm at ACT Playroom, 450 Geary St, SF. Tix $7-12 SL. Info/res: 626-6262.

Whatever Happened to BB Jane? Comedy musical spoof by Wayne Buidens. Open-ended run at the Victoria Theatre, beginning 3/12. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm. For tix & other info call 626-7544. 2961 16th St at Mission, SF.

Greek by Steven Berkoff. A powerful & erotic modern-day Oedipus story, set in working-class England. A Magic Theatre/Industrial Strength co-production. Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 3/28. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.

GALLERIES

Art Lick Gallery: "One Man Sleeps While the Other Man Drives," recent oil on canvas works by Scott Miller; on exhibit thru 4/12. 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-6 pm; Mon & Tues by appt. Info: 621-5131.

Judah L Magnes Museum: Photographers Vision—A Festival of Photodocumentaries on Jewish Life, features four exhibitions thru 4/26. "Israel Today: Dreams & Reality," new photographs & interviews by Raisa Fastman. "My Love Affair with Miami Beach," color photography by Richard Nagler, with text by Isaac Bashevis Singer. "Faith & Survival: Ethopian Jewish Villages & Refugee Camps," color photos taken by Peggy Myers during ten years of medical relief work. "Ethiopian Jewry: Arrival in Israel," photos by



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"The White Rose," exhibit of archival photos of the Nazi era & White Rose activists (Munich student group that resisted the Nazis). Thru 3/25 at Hillel/Reutlinger Center, 2736 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Hrs: Mon-Thurs 9 am-5 pm, Fri 9 am-3 pm. (510) 845-7793.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Big City: Photographs of SF & the Bay," by Ansel Adams. Includes 10 images of SF dating from the 1930s thru the 1950s. "A Distanced Land: The Photographs of John Pfahl," retrospective exhibit, thru 5/3. "De Natura: Collaborative Works by Vikky Alexander & Ellen Brooks," on exhibit 3/17-5/10. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Broad Humor: Women Cartoonists of the Past, Present & Future," exhibit of original art by women cartoonists. Thru 5/16. Related special event: 3/19: Roundtable panel discussions of women in the arts & political correctness in cartoon art. Also "Black Ink," an exhibit of original art by African American cartoonists, thru 5/16. Related special event—4/9: "Ethnic Images: How True Are They?" a discussion with Steven Bentley, Demetrius Diamond, Jonathan Smith & Greg Harris. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat. Info: 546-9481.

New Langton Arts: "Inductive Strategies," installations by Michael Brown, Sheila Ghidini, Chris Isner & Wendy Oberlander. 3/17-4/11. Opening reception 3/17, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Nelson Morales Gallery: "A Trick of the Light," internally illuminated assemblage & sculpture by Richard Bartlebaugh, Bill Concannon, Brian Elder & Pam (Mapo) Robinson. Thru 3/28. 140 Geary St #301, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs & Sat, noon-6 pm, Wed 10 am-2 pm, or by appt. Info: 255-1432.

Robert Dana Gallery: Oil paintings, watercolors & serigraphs by noted Mexican feminist artist Patricia Torres. Thru 3/27. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Mon, Fri & Sat; 11 am-5 pm Sun; and by apt. 1849 Union St, SF. Info: 749-1849.

KBBK Studios: Oil paintings by Mariela Cortes, on exhibit thru 4/11. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Hrs: Thurs 3-6 pm, Fri & Sat 2-5 pm; and by appt. Info: 563-9046.

Vision Gallery: "Joan Murray: Photographs 1967-1992," a retrospective, on exhibit thru 4/4. "Jack Welpott Photographs," thru 4/4. 1155 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 9 am-6 pm. Info: 621-2107.

Walter/McBean Gallery, SF Art Institute: "Snow in SF", an exhibit of work by filmmaker, photographer, sculptor, painter & musician Michael Snow, thru 3/21. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm, Thurs until 8 pm.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Tivaivai: Cook Island Coverlets," thru 4/26; "Doris Miller: Raku Vessels," on exhibit thru 4/25. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

University Art Museum: "Seeing Through 'Paradise,' Artists & the Terezin Concentration Camp," thru 3/22. "The Here & the Hereafter: Images of Paradise in Islamic Art," thru 3/22. "Is What Is: An Installation by Hachivi Edgar Heap of Birds", thru 4/5. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

NIAD Gallery: National Institute of Art & Disabilities Gallery. Exhibit of paintings & prints by Marlon Mullen, and paintings by Christopher Brown. 3/27-5/1. Opening reception 3/27, 5:30-8 pm, includes concert by Tony Archimedes & the Richmond Jazz Orchestra. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

John Pence Gallery: "Landscapes & Seascapes: Past & Present," exhibit of works by various artists. Thru 3/13. 750 Post St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm. Info: 441-1138.

The Lab Gallery: "Rodney Is Her Name!" exhibit by visual artist Rodney O'Neal Austin, thru 3/28. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

Wilcox Gallery: Paintings by Jamie Brunson, photographs by Ron Chase. Exhibit runs thru 3/28. 228 Grant Ave, SF. Info: 433-4660.

Richmond Art Center: "Looking Out/Looking In: Selections of Bay Area Drawing," exhibit of work by Jim Melchert, Joseph Slusky, Corban LePell, Craig Nagasawa, Grace Munakata, Christina Jordan, Rob Anderson, Bruce Conner, Frank Lobdell, Irmagean, Sylvia Fragoso, Landa Townsend, Kathleen Jesse & Frances Butler. Thru 4/12. Wheelchair Accessible. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Fri; noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Info: (510) 620-6772.

SF Camerawork: "Portraits of the Rooted & Uprooted," photos by Mark Berghash; "My Name Is Hunter's Point," photos by Susan Schwartzenberg. 3/18-4/25, opening reception 3/20, 6-8 pm. Lectures by the artists on 4/16 at 8 pm, $5. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Admission free. Info: 621-1001.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: "The Archeology of Intention," a temporary outdoor installation by Bernie Lubell; on exhibit 3/19-6/19, reception 3/19, 5-7 pm; artist's talk 4/4 at 3 pm. "Real Tears," group exhibit illuminating a post-Eighties sensibility in which heated political & economic issues have become more inescapably "real". Works by Margaret Crane, Clifford Hengst, Cary Leibowitz/Candyass, John-Eric Otter, Melissa Pokorny, Leslie Singer & Kevin Sullivan. 155 Grove St, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Tues-Fri, 11 am-8 pm Thurs, noon-5 pm Sat. Info: 554-9682.

The Jewish Museum: "In Fine Linen: the Art of Laurie Gross," retrospective of approx 100 of Gross' fibre sculptures, plus a new installation. On exhibit 3/31-6/14. 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Tues-Fri & Sun. Info: 543-8880.

Capp Street Project: "Subject: Male Violence," an informative installation on male violence against women, from a variety of perspectives, incorporating found photography, video imagery, statistics, text & recorded testimony of batterers & victims. Thru 3/28. "The Mattole Project," a collaboration by Julian Lang & Jo Babcock, bringing forward the story of Mattole culture, the Native people who once inhabited southwestern Humboldt County. Thru 3/28; artists' talk on 3/18 at 7 pm. 270 14th St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. Info: 626-7747.


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Morphos Gallery: "Nina Glaser: — Photographs," exhibit of black & white photographs by Nina Glaser. Thru 4/5. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.

Falkirk Cultural Gallery: Exhibit of paintings by Margaret Thomas, 1987-1991. Thru 4/4. 1408 Mission St, off E, San Rafael. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Tues-Fri, 10 am-9 pm Thurs, 10 am-1 pm Sat. Info: 485-3328.

"Myths & Icons," exhibit of paintings by Jeff Bedrick at Architects & Heroes, 2239 Fillmore St, SF. 3/16-5/3. Reception 3/20, 7-9 pm. Info: 921-8383.

Recent work by Bruce Weinberg & Andy Harader on exhibit at Joanne Chappell Gallery, thru 3/27. 625 2nd St, Ste 400, SF. Info: 777-5711.

"Sex, Gender & Identity: Homosexuality in American Culture," exhibit focuses on the contributions of lesbians & gay men to American culture. Spons by the Univ of Calif, Berkeley Libraries & the Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Calif. Thru April. Bernice Layne Brown Gallery of the Doe Library, UCB. Exhibit able to be viewed during regular library hours.

"Through the Looking Glass," an exhibit of acid art & artifacts. Over 100 pieces of original art on blotter paper. Exhibit also includes photos, rock posters, and handbills incorporating the acid theme, including a signed & numbered silkscreen by Ken Kesey. On exhibit thru 4/30 at the ArtRock Gallery, 1153 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Daily, 11 am-6 pm. Info: 255-7390.

"Magic Realism: Paintings & Works on Paper by Esther Garcia Eder. 3/16-4/1, opening reception 3/19, 6-8 pm. At Alliance Francaise, 1345 Bush St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs 9 am-9 pm; Fri 9 am-5 pm; Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 775-7755.

RESOURCE GUIDE

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7:30 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275: Hotline: 252-9200.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by & for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs, 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

***Directory: HIV Clinical Trials** in the Bay Area,* a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women who are currently caring for a friend, partner, or family member with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. 7 pm at 1855 Folsom St at 15th,, SF. Room 521. For mtg days & other info contact Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 821-8764.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Provides support groups for African American men & men of all colors. Also provides transportation assistance (to medical appts & to pick up medication) to HIV positive African American men in SF & Oakl. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay

men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for peroples with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV + persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin (510) 273-7331.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Info: Bill 864-6638.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Bi-

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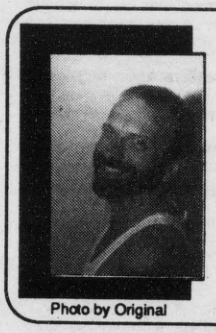


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In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.
Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.
Free Tax Assistance to Persons with AIDS & ARC, offered by SF AIDS Foundation. Trained volunteers from TAX AID program help you with your 1989 federal & state tax returns. To qualify an individual must have earned $16,000 or less, with no more than $2,000 for each family member. For info call 864-5855 and ask for the on-duty social worker.
Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.
Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).
EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.
Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.
Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.
Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.
Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.
Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.
Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.
Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244
Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.
Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.
Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.
Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.
Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.
AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.
Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.
Self-Help Food Group for Women: More depth than Weight Watchers, more commitment than OA. Support to work your way on your food issues. Not a diet group, not an anti-diet group. Info: 826-9423.
Men's Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Wednesday. For info on OA meetings for gay/lesbians & others call OA Hotline: 776-1457.
Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.
Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.
Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.
Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.
Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.
Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.
Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.
Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.
For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.
Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.
Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.



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► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.
North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 7-9 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jane 387-0109.
Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Marin Bisexual Women's Support Group: meets 2nd & 4th Thurs in San Anselmo. Info: Cindy 456-4192.
North County Bisexual Support Groups: Side by Side provides peer support for bisexual men & women. 7-7:30 pm social, followed by mtg until 9:30, then short social time. Group discusses any issues brought forth by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome. Sonoma County: Every Thurs night, call Dena (707) 523-2036 or Colin (707) 823-2990. Mendocino County: Coed group 2nd Fri of each month, women-only group 4th Fri of the month, both groups are in Ukiah, call Colin (707) 823-2990 or send SASE to Free By Choice, PO Box 111, Calpella CA 95418.
BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.
Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.
Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz (510) 857-1044.
Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.
Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

L/SM Roundup; a clean & sober conference for people in all 12-Step recovery programs, accepts logo submissions for upcoming conference. Drawings must include "L/SM Round-Up," "Bound by Serenity," "San Francisco," and "1992"; and must incorporate a leather/sm theme in the design. Work must be in black & white and mounted. Send SASE to Logo Contest, L/SM Round-Up, PO Box 425547, SF 94110-5547. Deadline: 3/15.
Spring Whiptail Event: Submissions sought from local lesbian film & video artists. All work considered. Call ASAP for details, leave message—267-6979. Deadline: 4/1.
In Praise of Poetry: Annual poetry contest seeks submissions. Cash prizes given: $50-$10. For rules & other info send SASE to In Praise of Poetry, PO Box 1234, Healdsburg CA 95448. Deadline: 5/1.
Lesbian Contradiction seeks women's non-fiction writing, graphics & cartoons on the subject of sex & gender. Possible questions: Who is a real woman? How did you feel about being a girl when you were little? Ever doubted your sex? What's the connection between gender & sexual orientation? What does butch & femme mean? Are people ever confused about your gender? For more info or to send submissions, write: LesCon, 584 Castro St, Ste 263, SF 94114. Deadline: 4/15.
From Wedded Wife to Lesbian Life: Stories of Formerly-Married Lesbians. Persoal narratives, short autobiographical fiction, poems, before-and-after photos sought for anthology. Send SASE for guidelines & submissions to editors Deborah Abbott/Ellen Farmer, 1515 Capitola Rd, Ste E, Santa Cruz CA 95062. Deadline: 7/15.
SEXART Salon: Submissions sought for a series of pansexual multi-disciplinary events including readings, prose, poetry, theater, performance art & sex-related slideshows of artwork. David Steinberg & Mark I. Chester, artists interested in sexual art, seek submissions & proposals of art that hits the crossroads of sex, art and theater. Info: Mark 621-6294 or write POB 422501, SF 94142.
Bonehead & Betty: A Lesbian Outlaw Anthology: Tribas Publishing Group seeks submissions of short stories, poetry, articles and visual art depicting butch/femme/rude girl/tomboy and general gender fuck lifestyles. Send inquiries & submissions to Tribas, c/o Ruby Fowler, 408 Haight St, SF CA 94117 or call 621-4366.
Death: A Gay Experience? Is death, like life, different for gays & lesbians? Do "near death" experiences teach us anything about "real death," or about life itself? Any gay/lesbian, bisexual, or transgender person who has had a NDE is invited to take part in this study. Write: NDE Study, PO Box 708, Cloudcroft, NM 88317-0708.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Closed Christmas Day. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.
Game & Card Night: A Sat night lesbian & gay alternative. Every Sat from 6-10 pm starting 2/1. Pacific Center, Berkeley. Bring board games, cards, and friends. Info: (510) 548-8283.

► HEALTH

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.
Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: low-cost, nonprofit clinic. Offers special services for people with HIV, fertility program for women & men who are trying to conceive. Also offers Chinese & American herbal preparations. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm. Info: 861-4964.
American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.
Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.
Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.
Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.
Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.
Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).
Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).
Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.
Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.
The Healing Circle: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.
Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.
Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.
Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 3rd Sun of the month. Models provided. $5-8 SL fee. Info/location: 252-8514.
Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.
Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.
Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.
Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.
Beam-In; The Bay Area Gay Trekkies & Science Fiction Group meets on the 4th Fri of each month at 8 pm for potluck & discussions. All Federation members (male/female) are welcome. Leave name/number at 773-9389 or write Beam-In, 151 Castro St #151, SF 94114-2588 for location & other details.
Dark Shadows Club: Monthly gatherings. Videos, potlucks, fun. Various Bay Area locations. Call Neil 255-7672 for info.
Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly for exchange of ideas, information & research leads. Group interests vary from the Azores to Mayflower lineage. All are welcome, from beginners to professionals. Mtgs on the 3rd Sat of each month at 1 pm. For info/location: Larry Burnett 647-0637.
Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.
SF Cable Stitchers: Informal group of male knitters meet biweekly in SF to knit, talk, swap ideas & start a design collective. Info: Peter 824-7828.
Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.
Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club, the Bay Area chapter of a nationwide group of Gay Hams, meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Hams & those interested in learning more

about the hobby are welcome! For more info call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.
Antique Lovers: Group to discuss, compare & trade antiques & collectibles. Info: Marjorie 587-7210 (leave message).

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

Looking for a Job? The Public Interest Employment Service publishes a twice monthly Public Interest Employment Report which lists paid jobs available in progressive nonprofit organizations. Includes about jobs at a number of lesbian/gay/bisexual/AIDS/HIV-focused organizations. Call 565-4695 for info.
Disabled Job Seekers Services at Rose Resnick Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired. Call 441-1980 for info.
SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.
SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. Call (415) 346-0475 or (510) 308-6347. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.
Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.
Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.
The Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Call (510) 841-6224.
SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.
AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.
Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.
SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.
Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.
Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.
Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt. 398-0724.
SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.
Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.
ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.
Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals.



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Marla BB performs at Mama Bears in Berkeley, Mar. 13.

Speakers available. Call 564-2226.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.
California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.
Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 333 Valencia St, Ste 222, SF. Info: 864-2364.
Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.
Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:30-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.
Incest Survivor Group for Lesbians: 2nd phase group for lesbisn who identify as survivors of incest & childhood sexual abuse. Group for lesbians who have successfully completed a first-phase group. Focus on sexuality. Must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Mon 1:30-3 pm. Info/intake interview: Call Alesia Kunz, MFCC at Operation Concern Mon 1:30-3 pm, 626-7000. SL fee.
Ritual Abuse Survivors: Women's Support Group. Meets wkly, free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee; childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.
Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a support group for lesbians who have been emotionally, sexually and/or physically abused by their partners. Free. Call 593-8622 for info.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

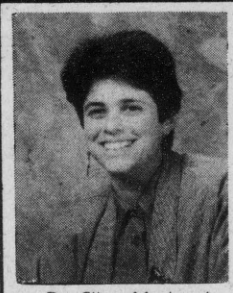
Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke (510) 562-1574, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.
Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamaker, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer

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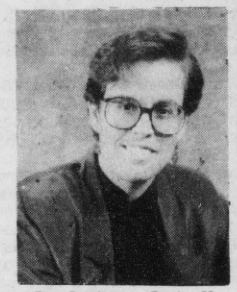
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Town Meeting
Friday, March 20, 1992, 7:30 P.M.

Two New Grief Groups
- Grieving Lesbian Losses (for lesbians)
  Call 653-8588 for info.
- Grief, Anticipatory Grief
  Everyone Welcome. Call 836-0329

Taxol: An Update
With Tonisa Clardy
Friday, March 20, 1992, 7:30 P.M.

Regular Monthly Events: *Call for dates and times:*
Yoga and Relaxation for women with life-threatening and chronic illnesses; Breast Self-Examination; Group discussion with oncology nurse.

Support Groups Currently Taking Place: *Call for dates and times:*
Lesbians with Cancer *(meets in San Francisco)*; Lesbian Partners/Friends of Lesbians with Cancer; Drop-in for Women with Cancer; African American Women with Cancer; Daytime Drop-in for Women with Cancer; Friends and Family of People with Cancer; Grief Support.

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YOUTH RAP GROUPS

YOUNG MEN'S GROUP
Friday Nights
MCC Church in the Castro
150 Eureka Street
7 - 9:00 pm

YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP
Monday Nights
The Women's Building
3543 18th Street
7 - 9:00 pm

Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) sponsors social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth 23 and under.

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Call **252-6059** for more information about LYRIC.

community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
30 Somethin' Group: Social/support group for professional African American lesbians, ages 30-39. Monthly events: mtgs, wkshops, potlucks, movies, etc. Clean & sober space. Meets 1st Tues of each month. Info: (510) 832-2638 or (510) 601-5904.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sat of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.
AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.
Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.
Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 776-1892 or 397-9863.
Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Nancy 864-8812 for more information.
Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to African American men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.
ALBWN & ALGBN: Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network and Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network. Offers support for women & men of Arab descent and Middle Eastern ancestry. Activities include monthly potluck dinners, discussion of topics of relevance to the lesbian, gay & bisexual Arab community. Three separate mtgs: a women's mtg (Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network), a men's mtg, and a mixed mtg where both men & women gather. For information write ALGBN or ALBWN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch group meets every 4th Sunday 10am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. For details call (510) 482-0787 or (510) 339-1314.
Language Practice/Social Group (Dutch, French, Italian) for people of color who were born/raised in Europe, traveled there, or simply enjoy foreign languages. All fluency levels & other languages are welcome. Open to open-minded gays, bisexuals & transgenderists. Info: 431-3860.
Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► POLITICAL

LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action) group for lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.
United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color. See People of Color listings for more info.
Outrage! San Francisco. Direct Action. Call 985-7141 for more information.
QueerNET SF: A queer activist networking & educational group committed to the empowerment, expansion & celebration of queer culture in all of its diversity. QueerNET conducts special events & activities to promote queer culture thru outreach, education, art, visibility & consciousness-raising. Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month. Info: 985-7141.
Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For meeting times/location and for upcoming actions, call (510) 464-3072.
Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. New defamations discussed 1st Thurs of each month, 7 pm, 514 Castro St, SF.
BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
UBIQUITOUS (Uppity Bi Queers United In Their Overtly Unconventional Sexuality): A group of bisexual queers dedicated to promoting bi visibility & understanding within the queer community, working together with lesbian & gay activists in the fight against heterosexism & building a bisexual community. Call Adam 861-7520 or Chrstine 861-0305 for mtg times/places.
Lesbian Agenda for Action: (LAFA) political & social action nonprofit membership organization committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info: 552-5677.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.
Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.
Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.
Int'l Wages for Housework Campaign, Int'l Black Women for Wages for Housework, Wages Due Lesbians, and the US PROStitutes Collective: To connect with these groups, write PO Box 14512, SF 94114 or call 558-9628.
White Lesbians Against Racism: Group provides a peer education forum to confront racial stereotypes & racism in ourselves & in the white community. Group creates space for developing a white racial identity; challenges racial stereotypes thru self-education; makes connections btwn racism, homophobia, classism, sexism & anti-semitism. Info: Yvette 584-5979.
Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
Jerry Brown for President Group in support of Brown's campaign "to take back the political process from private greed & corrupt politics." Call 202-1992 for more info.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.



"Mother Earth, Big Daddy & The Devil," Mar. 27 & 28 at City College. OnStage has info.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.
Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & June. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Ann Krinitsky. Info: (510) 428-1350.
Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble welcomes instrumentalists of every type & ability for fun & creative musical experiences. Join a musically versatile group dedicated to the growth of our members & the community we serve. Rehearsals in the Eastbay. Info: (510) 638-7399.
Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.
Jazz Matriarchy: Networking organization for women jazz improvisers in the Bay Area. Call 647-9544 for more info.
STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Artist Support Group: For all creative artists, including writers & musicians. Networking, plus discussions on careers & sexuality. Biwkly mtgs, SF location. Call Steve 756-8431.
Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Queer Guitar Players: Group of women & men of all styles & levels who get together for musical exchange & fun. Banjo players welcome. Info: Paul 826-0801.
Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance exhibition group. Performs dance routines, human pyramids, gymnastic stunts & cheers at ballgames, parades & festivals. 2-hr Sunday practices. No experience necessary. Info: Michael (415) 474-5486 or Steve (510) 228-7497.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.
Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.
Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.
Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.
Queer Women's Art Support/Network Group: For musicians, writers, visual artists, pagans, etc. Must be serious & commited to your art. Wild women welcome! Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 533-2648.
Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.
St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
Men's Associated Exchange (MAX) is the largest & most active social group for gay men in the Bay Area, sponsoring over 150 events a year, ranging from community service to sports to educational programs. Info: MAX, 564 Mission St #127, SF 94105.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 790-0267.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.
Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 832-6510.
Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
Eastbay Lesbian Couples Social Group: Meet new couples for potlucks, movies, games, walks, or other mutual interests. Info: (510) 486-0615 or (510) 655-8542.
Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.
Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of each month for socializing, card parties, potlucks, etc. For more info call (707) 944-8081.
Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.
Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.
Lesbian Lunch Brunch: A clean & sober, nonsmoking social club for single lesbians working in the financial district. Wkly luncheons to connect with other women in recovery. Info: 252-0657.
Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV+/PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.
Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben

sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.
Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
Party Posse: For artistic, intelligent-types who can have fun. If you can dance till dawn without drugs, alcohol, pot or tobacco and feel comfortable with various racial, gender & orientation backgrounds (gays, bisexuals, transsexuals) write Party Posse, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.
Soft Men Unite! Social group for "proud, gentle, effeminate men" who enjoy each other's company. Meet for cafe conversations, movie-going; roller-skating, etc. All soft men, including men of color, bisexuals, gays, straights, and non-macho female-to-male transsexuals, are welcome. Write: SOMU, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990, attn RK.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-9355.
Jewish Lesbians & Bisexuals & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, SF & EB locations. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 647-7209.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: Gay male Buddhist organization meets on the 2nd & 4th Sun of every month for meditation & for understanding, discussion & support of the study & practice of all forms of Buddhism. Beginners as well as experienced Dharma practitioners are welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.
Feminist Women's Circle meets in SF monthly at the full & new moons to explore the many facets of the Goddess. Also networking & classes. Info: Lupa 751-8918.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Crossroads: Wkly women's ritual & drumming circle with pagan/political focus. Artwork, trance, journeys, singing, music, etc. Previous magical experience preferred. Wed eve mtgs at the Crossroads in Berkeley. Info: (510) (510) 763-5999.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.
Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.



Bradley Rose speaks on the life of J.J. Winckelmann (1717-1768), a gay archaeologist & art historian, Mar. 12.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor JI Torres. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.
Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of evangelical Christian gays who have banded together in a local Bible-believing church where Jesus Christ is Lord. All are welcome. Service: Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues at 7:30 pm study in classical Christianity at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Info: 647-0184.
Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.
Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.
Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.
Agape Christian Fellowship: Group for lesbian & gay charismatics/pentecostals, promoting spiritual, mental, physical & spiritual wholeness. Meetings: Bible Study Thurs at 7:30 pm, Sunday services at 6:30 pm. Info/location: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or write PO Box 192446, SF 94119-2446.
St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.
Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.
Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.
The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.
Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.
Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 7 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.
Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.
Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.
GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.
Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.
Peace United Church: All gay, lesbian & straight people, singles & families, are welcome. Two lesbian ministers. Politically aware, justice-oriented, creative community, sensitive to each individual. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible. 5 pm Sun service. 424 Monte Vista near Piedmont Ave, Oakland. Call (510) 486-0625 for more info.
GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.
The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman

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First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study grou meets every Wed eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes relational (2-person) meditation, reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay Religious Science Practitioner in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.

Golden Gate Institute of Religious Science: An educational outreach ministry of the Independent Church of Religious Science, serving the gay & lesbian community. Classes & credentials offered. Write Rev Jon Lindsay, 36250 Easterday Way, Fremont CA 94536 for more info.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners Club for Southbay runners. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto. Info: Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 285-1260 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5 monthly calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

SAGA North: Gay & Lesbian Alpine Ski Club. Ski trips & social activities. Call 995-2772.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.



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"Beyond Beat"—poetry & music at the Elbow Room Mar. 20. Pictured: poet Ruth Weiss.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Sea Snakes Northern Calif Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Marta 241-9632 or Ken 621-2778.

Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Men's Touch Football Group meets Sat mornings at 10 am in Golden Gate Park, SF. All ages & skill levels are welcome! If you played in high school & miss it, or if you never touched a football before but thought it might be fun to "play with the guys," call John 252-9769 for details.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114.

X-TA-C Gay & Lesbian Cross Country Skiing Club: Sponsors one-day and weekend trips to various locations in Northern Calif. Potluck meetings held montly during ski season. All skiing levels are welcome. For details call 330-5485.

Nordic Fun Bunnies: Lesbian X-Country Ski Group. Day, weekend & midweek trips. All styles & abilties (track, backcountry, etc; from novice to Olympian) are welcome! Info: (510) 601-1910.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.

WSSM (Women Supporting SM) meets in Sonoma County the 1st Sun of each month. Call M for location: (707) 525-9833.

Leatherdykes Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather; positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: (510) 654-1591 Eastbay.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Lesbian EI Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.

Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness. Meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with EI a priority. Both chairs & bed available at mtg. 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535 or Alexon 431-4568.

UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups

Stanford Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

BASIL (Bay Area Sicilian & Italian American Lesbians). Una famiglia de lesbiche addressing cultural & political concerns of Sicilian & Italian American lesbians, gain awareness of our ethnic identity, resist assimilation into Anglo culture. If you need a pasta mix, don't dine alone! Call Rosemary 237-6207 or Janet 654-3531. Newcomers welcome, half-bloods are OK.

Working Class Lesbian discussion, writing, visual arts group. A space for working class lesbians to share experiences of growing up working class, develop strong working class identity, make links between classism and other oppressions. Info: Yvette 584-5979.

MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Eating Disorder Support Group for men & women recovering from anorexia & bulimia. Call Tommy 750-9569 (leave message) for details

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 647-0413.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, **"incest/battery therapy" and "discussion/consultation groups"**..

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans in SF at SF Native American Health Clinic, 56 Julian Ave, SF. All-Indian staff, no problem is too large or too small. Info/appt: Dr Lisa Quinn 532-2933.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

Flikker Network: Int'l network for female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals. For more info write to Flikker Network, c/o R.K, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.

Transsexual Support Group for FTMs and MTFs who are permanently kicked out of their families. Gain support, discuss issues including financial survival, transition during recession, developing families of choice. Contact: RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

► YOUTH

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: Call 386-GAYS.

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr): for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: Beth 252-6059.

"Jackson Street," meets weekly, Thurs from 4-5:30 pm. Support & help for lesbian, gay or bisexual youth under 22. Looking for a group that's rap & therapy too—this group's for you! Facilitated by Ruth Hughes & Dave Johnson of Ctr for Special Problems. 1700 Jackson St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Franklin St), SF. Info: Ruth Hughes, 558-4801.

Support Group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning young women of color, age 23 & under. Meets Fri 7-9 pm at CURAS, 347 Dolores St, SF. Ste 113. Spons by the LYFE Program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, LYRIC & CURAS.

Under 21: Peer-led support group for gay, bisexual & questioning young men. For mtg times, location & other info call Mark or Alphonso at LYRIC 252-6059.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

Ongoing theater writing class for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people of color, under 21. Wed 4-6:30 pm. Taught by Chicana lesbian writer/playwright Cherrie Moraga, writer-in-residence with Brava! For Women in the Arts. 2180 Bryant St, SF. Info/reg: Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program: 565-7681.

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BEAT THIS

BY DON BAIRD

SPEW on L.A.

I've tried and tried and tried to like Los Angeles over the half dozen times I've been there, and going down to a conference for the makers of alternative 'zines, the Spew Convention, for a whirlwind weekend that had me anticipating the one time when all my elements would be right, I thought that I might actually and finally enjoy the city of Angels.

Well, fat mother fucking chance of that happening. I hate L.A. more than ever, and probably won't return for anything short of cold hard cash or the best speed in the world. It takes an hour and a half to get anywhere by car, and if you're without vehicle, buses and taxis are practically nonexistent. When you ask a local how to get somewhere, they usually have to find it on a map first, give several 3-by-5 index cards full of directions to you, then snicker ominously and say, "I wouldn't even drive there during the day," or, "You're gonna get so lost, and when you get there you'll get shot in the head for no reason."

I can't tell you how harrowing it is to hear of these apparent dangers from just about every local I talked to. When one of our hosts drove us around in a convertible, I had to comment, "You mean we can ride around with the top down and no one will run out and slice our heads off one by one at every intersection?" People talk too much about what they've eaten that day and their work-outs, and you can't get a decent cup of coffee for shit there. And another thing, the biggest stars I laid eyes on were, for the most part, San Francisco imports.

The first Spew function we attended took place at the Park Plaza Hotel, which is a magnificent building, all deco opulence and splendor, preserved well enough to stir up visions of Barbara Stanwyck skulking around in dark glasses on a rendevous of criminal nature. You know, back when L.A. was glamorous. I was quickly informed that the long, ornate stairway in the lobby leading to the auditorium was the very same one from the film *Wild at Heart*, where Nicholas Cage smashed that guy's head in after Dianne Ladd came on to him in the men's room and said he tried to rape her. For anyone who saw the Modacrylic players' version of *Wild at Heart* at Klubstitute, you must know the excitement I felt when I saw the main stars from that production—Elvis Herselvis and Justin Bond—lolling about on that very staircase.

I soon learned that the lodging my friend and I had counted on for the night had suddenly dematerialized due to an emergency. This news combined with... uh... L.A. made me want to smash someone's brains out on the stairs; no one in particular, just someone. I spotted some San Francisco friends and hit one of them up for a place to crash. They were staying with pals in Beverly Hills and unfortunately could not accommodate, but they tried to console me by saying I would hate it there anyway, and if I were to accidentally break something there, it might be worth $10,000. Realizing the tactlessness of his comment, he began to stammer out matter-of-factly, "Did you know that it's illegal to park anywhere on the streets at night in Beverly Hills. Isn't that ridiculous!" The comment fell upon the unsympathetic ears of a bunch of anarchists scrambling for a floor to sleep on. It was wonderfully absurd. The general buzz in the crowd about the event so far was, "This is lame." I waltzed up to the beautiful bar and ordered a double, just like in the movies.

Soon, our last-minute sleeping arrangements had us being whisked away in a small car with a skinny queer couple (one young, one older) who produce a 'zine devoted to boy sex as depicted in erotic comic strip form with self-conscious and purposely mis-spelled-like-a-youth-might dialogue. The driver prattled on about homeless gay teens who live and fuck under the bridge, how he tries not to "dwell on the negative aspects of life," and how many shootings and stabbings he saw the night before near his house. "If you hear gunshots, hit the ground," the older one said as we left the car for his studio apartment, a mere stones' throw from Frederick's of Hollywood. "He's serious," piped in the younger one with a nervous giggle.

Finally bedded down on the floor, goodnights and nervous giggles out of the way, and the host's large dog finally finished trying to hump my leg and play with the cat, I turned to my friend Kurt and whispered, "I hate this." He responded with, "I'll never get to sleep." We then laughed inaudibly for some time and drifted off to sleep, until just before 8 am, when our hosts started their day by stapling their 'zines together on the floor while watching a cheesy science fiction movie taking place in post-apocalypse L.A. It was like *The Omega Man*, only it starred Mary Stuart Masterson or one of those tri-name stars, instead of Charlton Heston. Our hosts suggested a cheap breakfast place, which was a wretched greasy dump, serving post-apocalypse eggs, hashbrowns and toast for $1.65 on Hollywood Boulevard. There were no movie stars in sight, and Frederick's wasn't even open yet.

Just before we all left for the Spew convention, a very young boy popped by the apartment and asked to come with us to the event. Our host said no, because he wouldn't be able to keep an eye on him all day. The boy, about 12 years old, was very disappointed and quietly left. Our host quipped casually, "These kids. Give 'em some drugs and they won't leave you alone." Their other guest, Teg from Minnesota, who produces the 'zine *Bundle of Sticks* and was one of the nicest people I met that weekend, took a snapshot of the kid as he pouted in the hall outside. I was grateful for the hospitality and amazed by the bizarreness.



Photo by Marc Geller

The scene at SPEW. DeeAndra peeks through the crowd.

There was a great set by SF import Pansy Division, whose Fag-rock Show of almost-squeaky-clean style pop music matched to downright filthy sperm-anthemic homo-sex lyrics fit into the entire spirit of the event perfectly.

ZINE-DOM

The convention was set up with rows of tables sectioned off for each creator or representative from 'zine-dom to display their printed works and other merchandise for sale or trade, and to give people a chance to meet and chat with the individuals behind their favorite alternative publications. A certain sell, sell, sell attitude was ever-present, but clearly not based on greed as much as need. Some of these folks were just trying to make enough money to get home again. Stranded in L.A. seems a fate worse than death, so I made a few purchases.

I bought a *Bundle of Sticks* T-shirt from Teg, the design incorporating a skull, two hard cocks, and a printed dictionary definition of faggot. It's swell. As for printed materials, I picked up Vaginal Creme Davis' latest 'zine *Shrimp*, a pretty, sexy 'zine devoted to sucking the feet of hot male celebrities, and also the songbook of Ms. Davis' latest band, Cholita—the New Age Menudo.

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Bruce la Bruce, originator of the 'zine *J.D.s* and maker of the film *No Skin Off My Ass*, was present with the star of his film/boyfriend Klaus Von Brucker. If I had more cash I would've got a copy of the film, but I settled for the 'zine *D.B.D.T.D.*, which stands for dumb bitch deserves to die. This 'zine is focused on slutty slasher movies, low-budget actresses, nurses who kill, stuff like that. It includes a Karen Carpenter film retrospective describing all of the films that have been made about Karen. Only one of the films, *Superstar*, by Todd Haynes, actually exists. The rest are all made up and hilarious.

I also picked up an L.A.-based 'zine called *Mean Dyke*, with a focus on sex, PMS and power tools with great queer graphics, and another called *Madonna-Ho*, a 'zine created by Madonna fans and sex workers, who may not always agree on things. I picked up a few new *Homocore* buttons from a San Francisco-based table occupied by Deke Motif Nihilson, Tom Jennings and Greta Shred, seasoned 'zine-sters and filmmaker folks peddling their wares of past and present like *Homocore*, *Three Dollar Bill*, *Boy With Gun*, and materials by other locals who didn't make the trip like Omewenne Grimstone and Dawn of Aquarius. Tom was even selling the technical manual he wrote on how to convert an automobile into a propane-run vehicle, as he did with his own lovely Rambler station wagon. It was quite a comfort to see familiar faces and mohawks. They hated L.A. too.

Near the restrooms downstairs I ran into an old friend who happens to be the sweetest drag queen in the world, Miss DeeAndra Peek from Atlanta Georgia. She gave me a precious little framed photograph of herself to put in a very special place of honor in my home and a compilation tape from Funtone Records. DeeAndra is the only drag queen in the world who never swears, isn't a bitch, and has developed an act based around Vienna Sausages, or as she calls them "Vi-enners." She's one Georgia peach that just keeps getting sweeter. She's not just a 16-year-old Southern belle with her own cable television show and lots of famous friends like RuPaul and Lady Miss Kier—she's also a sweet darlin' baby girl.



Photo by Marc Geller

Justin Bond on the way to L.A.

Even those who are revved by the thought of violent overthrow of government can enjoy a pair of queens lipsynching show tunes now.

FAIRY TALES

Entertainment was scattered throughout the day and night. During the daytime, an outdoor stage was erected in sort of a fenced-in courtyard. From a landing above the courtyard you could not only see the stage, but also the street and the warehouse beyond the serious barbed wire that lined the top of the fence. This made for a great moment when performance artist Divianna Ingravallo was reading one of her neo-gothic, sexually explicit fairy tale fantasies while a few sex worker-types acted it out on the stage, and a nearby factory had a shift change. Suddenly scores of perplexed men in the street were overhearing wet and gushy descriptions of various sexual acts blaring out of nowhere in an intriguingly accented female voice. What a moment.

Another high point was when poet/genius and SF import Danielle Willis read a few of her pieces. One in particular was about filming a porno movie and can be found in print in the 'zine called *Tantrum*, put out by Tyler-bob Popstitute and Remix von Popstitute. Danielle's expertise in choice of detail to best evoke an overall image, or in this case to de-glamorize a process (a porn shoot) in the most complete way, is frighteningly adept and the core of her power as a writer. Unraveling her work in an effort to understand why I've found it so moving and intense for so long, leads usually to the effectiveness of just one single word—of Danielle's choice. If her words were pills, they would be time-released, multi-symptom and definitely not approved by the FDA. She is an extraordinary talent whose work has been a constant inspiration for me as a writer. Look for her book *Dogs in Lingerie*, which is going into its second printing with a few new things added to it and a foreward by author Dennis Cooper, I think. I also got to meet him at Spew. He was one of the main organizers of the event and quite friendly, amused and probably exhausted.

Act after act swirled on and off stage throughout the day, including a great set by another SF import, Pansy Division, whose Fag-rock Show of almost-squeaky-clean style pop music matched to downright filthy sperm-anthemic homo-sex lyrics fit into the entire spirit of the event perfectly. Thank the lord that someone wrote the lyric, "We're the buttfuckers of rock 'n' roll/We're gonna sock it to your hole."

Yet another treat came when Chicago's own Joan Jett Blakk, a beauty of a Black drag queen, campaigned as a write-in candidate in the presidential race. She was superb, addressing questions from the crowd brilliantly while making promises on the redecoration of the White House. "We're clearing out all them rooms, honey, and doing them over, except the Jackie Kennedy room; she can stay." As the crowd began to chant, "Vote Jett Blakk," I decided how I'm casting my vote this election. Let's have a Queen in the White House.

Drag queens from all over the continent graced the stage all day. It completely warmed my heart to see that anarchist types have finally accepted the drag queen. It makes sense—they are a sort of ultimate anarchist symbol. Even those who are revved by the thought of violent overthrow of government can enjoy a pair of queens lipsynching show tunes now.

The event was perfectly rounded out by the final performers of the night, Vaginal Davis' Cholita, DeeAndra Peek and Tribe 8 from SF. Cholita, the New Age female Menudo, turned out the most over-the-top show of the event. It's too difficult to explain it all properly, so just imagine a six-foot-six-inch Black drag queen saying, "I am Gabriela. I'm only 13-and-a-half years old. You cannot fuck me, but you can dry hump me," in a Mexican accent. Imagine an anthem called "Beans are not enough." Imagine the most non-P.C. thing ever and loving every blessed moment of it. *Cholita*! Look for a local appearance by Vaginal Davis soon.

Tribe 8 was the closing act, and to put it simply, they shredded and they've grown immensely since the first time I saw them. Vocalist Lynn is rock 'n' roll personified, a true, defined-by-genetics rocker—tough, charismatic and throwing the equipment into the van and heading. And one of their guitarists can whip her head faster than me and the speed of light, while she plays. They talk politics, sex, and shit they hate lyrically. Musically, this unit is growing into a monster.

STILL IN L.A.

When the event was finally closing its doors and locking up, my friend Kurt and I were waiting for his brother-in-law to pick us up. He was a bit late, and we started to fret over being left alone outside in a bad neighborhood. Tribe 8 was packed up and ready to haul out in their van, leaving us completely alone. We asked them if they would wait about ten minutes with us because we were scared. Lynn whipped off her sunglasses and said, "Sure, no problem." I heart my dyke body guards, and I completely heart San Francisco, and I heart Tyler-bon Popstitute for uttering my fave overheard line of the weekend: "Like, I hope someone really actually vomits here." I can't wait for the next Spew conference. Its gonna be held here!

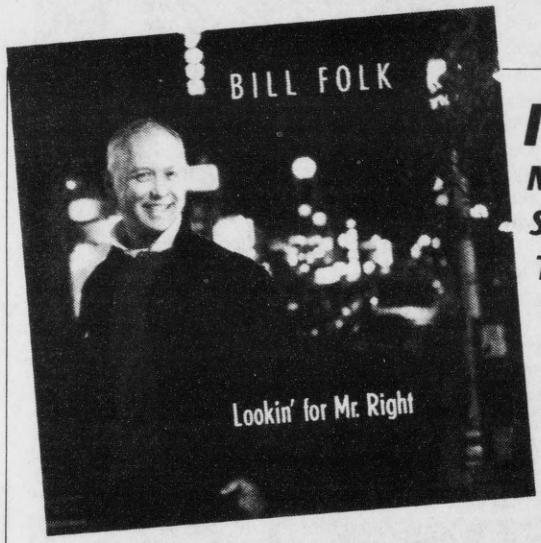
BACK IN SF

Quick reminder of events you cannot miss:

(1) The benefit for the opening of Playstitute at Life on the Water. Called *Death on the Water*, the event will raise funds to aid the formation of a queer theater group for our community, producing plays every Monday night starting with a three-week run of *Carrie* by the Sick and Twisted Players. Scheduled performers include everyone who is great that you can't miss or you're a penny-pinching loser. Friday the 13th, 10 pm till ?, ride the 22 Fillmore to the theater, it's easy.

(2) Omewenne's play, *Visitations by Death*, at Life on the Water, which opens March 24 and runs for two consecutive Tuesday nights following. In this production of the play, Omewenne will also be acting, a switch from its original run at The Bernice Street Theater. She's everything: playwright, superb actress, musician, Nico impersonator, poet, incomparable beauty and the one talent in our midst most likely to become legendary.

(3) *Carrie* at Life On the Water, opening night March 23. Tickets at BASS. A Sick and Twisted Players' endeavor. Do you want to miss the next Cult Phenomenon of this decade? Didn't think so. Omewenne plays Piper Laurie, and all the usual S&T players will be there too. Plug it up! Plug it up! Don't miss it.



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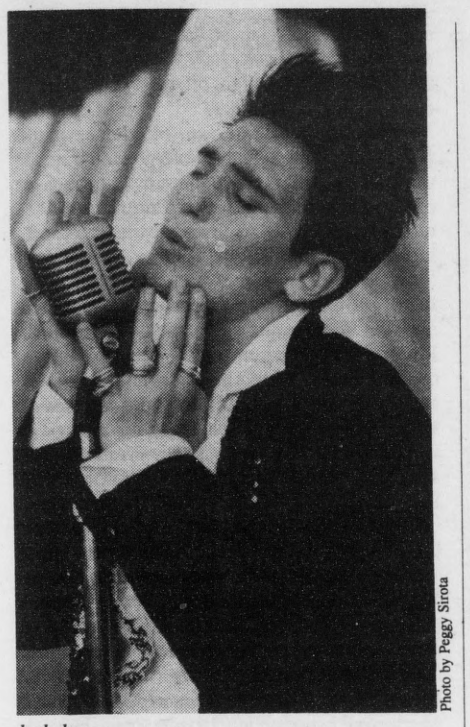


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k.d. lang

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INGENUE, SIRE/WB

ingenue—1. artless girl or young woman. 2. an actress playing an ingenue.
artless—1. without guile, cunning or deceit; naive. 2. free of artificiality; natural; simple.
ingenuous—1. without sophistication or worldliness. 2. openly straightforward or frank.

k. d. lang an ingenue? Wait a minute. Are we talking a major image shift here? Maybe. I have yet to see the new publicity shots, but I did snag an advance cassette of Ms. lang's forthcoming release (due out March 15), and it is something else. Hardcore country fans may find it hard to swallow, as there's no hint of twang on this one. Rather, k. d. has gone off and surrounded herself with some accordion, vibraphone, marimba, and the odd cello and clarinet. The result is a veritable stylistic timewarp, caught between the '40s and the '70s. You might call it cocktail music with a '90s feel. And I don't mean that in a negative way, though I probably should, since I hate cocktail music. Darned if she doesn't pull it off, though.

Lyrically, what can I say? The song titles include "Mind of Love," "Still Thrives This Love," "Tears of Love's Recall" and so forth. I'd hazard a guess that someone broke k. d.'s heart *bad*. "Wash me clean," she sings. "Cleanse my tattered dreams." It's kinda sad.

So, what message is our forlorn friend giving out here? Well, there are some intriguing hints of a guileless, frank approach. "Watch over me with a mother's eyes," begs k. d. on the opening cut, "Save Me," which lopes along mournfully. On "Wash Me Clean," she declares, "My desire carries no shame." Ah, you ask. Is this the coming out record? Sorry. Next time, maybe.

Besides love and lust, our heroine seems to be doing some profound navel-gazing. "Where is your head, Kathryn?" she asks on "Mind of Love." "Whoa," I thought. She's singing to herself, you see. No, this isn't Top 40 stuff. I don't know what market the record company is shooting for, maybe a niche yet to be carved out. I like it. For something way out there, check out "Season of Hollow Soul," an anthem about—wait for it—the barrenness of modern existence. Our girl's getting political now. Everybody, sing along with k. d.: "Fate must have a reason. Why else endure the season of hollow soul?" With a clarinet solo, no less!

"Constant Craving" gets my vote for favorite track. Maybe it's that punchy rhythm section, or the backing vocals, or just the idea. Wouldn't we love to know k. d.'s constant craving? For something more upbeat, there's always "Miss Chatelaine." A disco-ish beat backs up k. d. as she traipses through this ditty. I don't know who Miss Chatelaine is, but I take it she has a fondness for bell bottoms. There's more introspection in "Outside Myself," perhaps the most directly revealing cut. "My body's frozen and my heart is cold, and still so much of me is raw. I search for a place to unthaw." So, now you know.

If this all sounds too weird, give it a chance. It's not sentimental like the Owen Bradley-produced *Shadowland*, with its over-emphasis on strings. The vocals are not the star on *Ingenue*. The vocal sound is really pretty stripped down—simple and natural with hardly any embellishments like her trademark hiccups. It's as clear as a crystal stream and just as refreshing. *Ingenue* doesn't sound like anything k. d. lang has done before. The closest comparison might be with "So in Love," the *Red, Hot and Blue* track. Maybe there's something to that and maybe not. It'll be interesting to watch k. d. lang over the next year. She may have some surprises for us yet.

I'm still puzzling over the meaning of ingenue, though. Which definition fits? Naive? Natural? Without guile? Or merely playing the role? ("Hi, I'm k. d. lang. I'm not an ingenue but I play one on...") Who knows? The result, though, is stunning. She didn't win any awards for *Salmonberries*, but she should get something for playing a brilliant *Ingenue*.

FEMJAM
Paradise Lounge, Feb. 26

This women's electrical jam was deemed a rousing success by organizer ChristiON, who hopes to do more. Six acts, some assembled at the last minute, took to the stage with varying results, but with a gutsy purpose. Phone numbers were exchanged, so we may yet hear some new groupings. Improvised jazz, soft rock, and bar band stuff all had their time. My favorites included the duo of Debbie and Florence playing drums and guitar, backed by violin and bass. The participants included newcomers and members of established bands, such as Julia from the Gargoyles and Anna from the Stepchildren. Any women who'd like to get in on the next one, set for April 22, should call ChristiON at (415) 905-8880.

INTERNATIONAL LADIES OF COMEDY
Great American Music Hall, March 8

Terrible name. Great show. A sold-out house enjoyed the wit and wisdom of five women comics on International Women's Day. Emcee Renee Hicks set the tone of the evening right away, noting her fondness for "Nair shampoo" and its usefulness in getting rid of Jehovah's Witnesses. ("Renee, you're a bald Black woman. Answer your door!"). Nothing ladylike here. Karen Ripley offered a laconic, almost sleepy delivery and a scattershot approach in her humor. She also had the most out material ("Is it OK to hate men, but dress just like 'em?"). Great suspenders, too. Diane Amos offered commentary on female images on TV, as well as relationships, in this case with men, but OK, we'll give her that. At least she's talking about strong women.

Break time was ten minutes. "Not dyke ten minutes, but Timex ten minutes," scolded Hicks. Wanderers were eagerly set upon by the good women of CARAL and the Committee to Defend Our Reproductive Rights, who were registering voters.

Back to the show. Margaret Cho exploded more stereotypes in detailing a few traumas she's lived through as a Korean American comic and actress. "I've had nightmares about the kind of sitcoms I'd be offered," she said and then sang a sample theme song. "She's not wearing a wedding veil. 'Cause she's the kind of bride that comes in the mail." Cho dissed Connie Chung and Ed McMahon, dropped the intriguing information she lives on the same block as k. d. lang, and finished with a recollection of a run-in with a redneck in Alabama. "He said, 'I love Oriental girls.' I said, 'Yes. So do I. You can go now.' " A real crowd-pleaser, to be sure, at least for this crowd. Marga Gomez headed up the bill, getting laughs with mentions of Hispanic Barbies ("long blond hair—with black roots") and appropriate body language for indicating directions. Plus, she wore the best outfit of the evening, a tic-tac-toe dress that would make any drag queen jealous. Gomez and Hicks are appearing at Noe Valley Ministry on March 15 at 8:15 pm. Tickets are $10, $9 in advance.



Malibu Barbi: Cara Crash, Melanie, Wanda and Joann

Nancy Kravitz Brings Dykes to the DNA

Female Trouble producer Nancy Kravitz is bringing her women's rock thang to the DNA on March 26, and she wants to see *you* there. "It's gonna be a blast. All the bands are really cool," she says. For this first foray into straight clubdom, Kravitz has assembled the bill of Mrs. Jones, Malibu Barbi, the Lucy Stoners and the Mudwimin.

Kravitz, 32, has been booking shows for about four years, including the legendary Female Trouble, which held sway at the Nightbreak for a year and a half. A musician herself, Kravitz established the club to "give the girls a chance to get up onstage." Some of the acts that got their start at FT include Elvis Herselvis, 4 Non Blondes, Diviana, Mermaid Tattoo, and the She Devils. Her regular DJ, Stephanie Phillips, now spins at the Cafe.

Kravitz is adamant about booking a variety of acts and giving new performers a chance. "It's hard to get booked in this town," because few clubs are willing to take a chance on unproven acts. Kravitz takes a different view. "Some of the acts I've booked have been terrible, but if you don't support your community, how are they going to get any better?" She says one of her greatest pleasures is in seeing performers improve after a few shows.

When Female Trouble started, there were few venues for women playing rock. Complains Kravitz, "You could go anywhere and hear the same thing seven nights a week. It used to be disco. Now it's house." Kravitz aimed to remedy this with Female Trouble, bringing together live acts, lesbians and rock. Female Trouble attracted a different type of crowd from other clubs, what Kravitz calls "a lot of bleach and leather." Still, she feels there was a good mix of women. "It used to make me really proud. Let's say Pat Wilder was playing. We'd have older Berkeley dykes grooving to her, and then we'd have women slamming after her set."

The four bands should continue that reputation, with an emphasis on local talent and a raw rock feeling. Headliners the Mudwimin have built up a loyal following, and the other performers may be familiar, as well. Mrs. Jones opened the Castro Street Fair last year. The Lucy Stoners count among them Selena, ex-Raging Adolescent Girls, and Klara, formerly of Typhoon. Malibu Barbi's Wanda was once a drummer for 4 Non Blondes.

Kravitz's hope is that "we'll establish enough of a presence of gay women. It's a straight club. You can't discriminate at the door. I hope there will be enough of us to take over." She says of the DNA, "They've been very accepting." The space is to her liking, because it has a good sound system and video screen. "There's space to cruise around and dance," she adds. If things work out well, the Kravitz crowd could become a regular fixture at the club—if things work out. Kravitz urges the queer crowd to come out for the show, saying "It's important to support your community. If you don't support it, it won't be there." Showtime is 8:30 pm on March 26.

ENDNOTES...

Oops. That was KPIX, not KTVU, news that set the record for most repetitions of LESBIAN two weeks ago. Let's give credit where credit is due. I'm just all at loose ends since they moved everything back one hour, I guess...



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CLASSICS

BY CHING CHANG

Berkeley Takes Center Stage

As the rain poured upon a typically grim off-season week in San Francisco, the many San Franciscans who ventured across the Bay Bridge last week found a bonanza of world class acts in Berkeley (quite literally, in my neighborhood). One might have wondered if there was some kind of festival going on. In a short period of five days, Cal Performances, the performing arts organization affiliated with Cal Berkeley, managed to upstage its counterpart organizations in the City by booking no less than the mesmerizing pianist Ivo Pogorelich, the fiery mezzo-soprano Cecilia Bartoli and the sublime Tallis Scholars, in a string of three classy musical events.

CECILIA BARTOLI

Since making her local recital debut last year, Cecilia Bartoli has turned many a wholesome music-loving lad into a full blown opera-queen. Hertz hall was packed with as many bodies as it could legally house on her return to the Bay Area with a Rossini bicentennial program. Her impeccable delivery of the program showed yet again that this woman has truly amazing gifts. Unquestionably the most important voice to come out of Italy in recent years, her instrument is one of generous substance, unbelievably flexible and articulate.

The glowing praises aside (you can read those in your favorite daily), her performance left me nevertheless with a subtle impression that she is still amazed at herself and the amazing things she is capable of doing with her instrument. She has fine interpretive and musical skills, but it seems at times that she is simply too busy enjoying her technical mastery of breathtakingly difficult passages (like singing 16th-note melismas which take her in and out of different vocal registers at top speed).

Bartoli opened her recital with Italian songs, different settings of the poem, "Mi lagnero tacendo," and closed the first half of the program with


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Ivo Pogorelich

"Quanto grato all'alma mia," from *Elisabetta, Regina d'Inghilterra* (yet another variation of the thematic material found in "Una voce poco fa," from the *Barber of Seville*). By far the most interesting pieces of the evening were the four French songs in the second half. The beautiful song "L'Orpheline du Tyrol" (the second of the four), with its sudden dips into the deep low range, was the only piece that hinted if only slightly that even Cecilia Bartoli's voice has its limitations. Though she did an excellent job, it is humanly impossible to make such sudden shifts in vocal registration without disturbing even minimally the flow of the musical phrase.

Bartoli closed the program with "Bel raggio lusinghier," from *Semiramide*, and offered three encores, a fiery and climatic Canzonetta spagnuola, and the audience (made up no doubt of mostly opera goers—they clapped at the end of each song, even within the same set) was treated to two arias from the *Barber of Seville* (Rosina's "Una voce poco fa" and Berta's light silly aria, "Un vecchiotto cerca moglie.")

While most other female lyrical singers of her age (her bio says she's 25) can't seem to graduate from the cutely girlish sound, Bartoli's instrument seems to have already attained a full, womanly maturity. She has basically achieved the technical mastery of every vocal device she'll ever need, and considering the fact that she will likely be around for many decades to come, it will be interesting to see how her instrument and artistry will evolve in the future.

IVO POGORELICH

Ivo Pogorelich has certainly been evolving. As he reaches his mid-thirties, he can't mantain his brattish wunderkind image forever if he wants to be taken seriously. Having heard the many tales (quickly becoming legends in the annals of piano performance) about Ivo Pogorelich told and retold, I was anxious to hear him play live for the first time at the Zellerbach Auditorium in the UC Berkeley campus. After the hoopla which followed Martha Algerich's resignation from the jury at the 1980 Warsaw International Piano Competition (she claimed that Ivo was kept out of the finals for political reasons), he has been known to be a temperamental artist, even rude at times. A present day Liszt, it is claimed that his beautiful green eyes and near pop-status have forced him on more than one occasion to fight off overly enthusiastic female audience members.

Pogorelich is also known, of course, as the fiery, restless and passionate interpreter of romantic piano music, so I was quite surprised when he opened the recital with a set of three Chopin nocturnes, playing with an amazingly delicate, soft, introspective touch. These gave way to Chopin's "Sonata No. 3 in B minor, Op. 58." Playing the fourth movement finale of this sonata (considered one of Chopin's most difficult compositions), Pogorelich's fingerwork was absolutely mesmerizing as he whizzed up and down the keyboard in intoxicatingly fast runs and scales while doing hauntingly phrased diminuendos.

Pogorelich played Ravel's "Valses nobles et sentimentales" (which he has recorded) and Rachmaninoff's "Sonate No. 2" in the second half of the recital. In an incredible feat of stamina, he offered Balakirev's oriental fantasy, "Islamey," as an encore piece. Rarely performed nowadays, this showy bravura piece used to inhabit the repertoire of every piano virtuoso in the 19th century, as a vehicle to show off a pianist's mastery, until Ravel composed "Gaspard de la Nuit," which he specifically intended as a work which would supersede "Islamey" in technical challenge.

TALLIS SCHOLARS

As a somewhat out-of-place participant in a Cal Performances' series called "Cultura sin frontera," the London-based Tallis Scholars presented a distinct and well-balanced concert of early Spanish and Portuguese music from the 16th century, under the direction of Peter Phillips. Frequently hailed as one of the best vocal ensembles in the world for its superior tone purity, control of phrase and superb vocal blend, the Tallis Scholars find avid enthusiasts in the sizeable audience of early music devotees in the Bay Area. Like most people who went to their sold-out Sunday afternoon concert at the First Congregational Church in Berkeley, I first became acquainted with the Tallis Scholars' through their superb recording of Gregorio Allegri's *Miserere*, and have ever since tried to acquire as many of their numerous recordings as my budget will allow (Gimmel, their exclusive label, is very expensive, and never goes on sale.)

Preceded by a reputation from previous visits and magnificent recordings, it was somewhat disappointing that the performance was plagued by small technical problems which prevented the event from attaining the expected high levels of artistry, even if these little glitches weren't enough to detract from the experience of hearing the Tallis Scholars live (no ensemble in the world can produce such pure sounds). The nine singers taking part of this tour sounded very much as if they were affected by the fatigue of their travel schedules, and the cohesiveness of the group was simply not present in many instances. Their piece de resistance, the wonderful *Missa Gaudeamus* by Tom Luis de Victoria, sounded under-rehearsed (the Domine Deus section, in three parts, was particularly weak). Despite some moving moments, it was unfortunate that when the final chord of this mass (which closed the first half) sounded, it was almost embarrassingly off pitch.

The second half of the program (with motets by Alonso Lobo, Manuel Cardoso and Juan Padilla) was much stronger, but yet again, here and there single voices seemed to overpower the ensemble's balance. Peter Phillips strayed from the Latin theme by offering Palestrina's (one of the Tallis Scholars' specialties) motet *Tu est Petrus* as an encore piece. I hope Tallis Scholars' shaky showing this time does not discourage Cal Performances (itself in danger of being scaled back or even axed by the University because of the State's budget crisis) from engaging the ensemble in the future under better circumstances.

DINING OUT

BY WILLIAM FINKLE

Le Piano Zinc

French Dining in the Castro

Chef Don Woods, one of my chef instructors, says almost every day in class that the restaurant that makes great sauces is the great restaurant. As a reviewer, I've learned that there's much truth to Chef Woods' axiom. Happily for me and you, there's a local chef who understands the sauce rule, too.

Michel Laurent trained as a chef at l'Ecole hoteliere de Paris for three years and went on to open Maxim's of Paris in Chicago in 1967. That was a long time ago, and yet Laurent, along with sous-chef Ryan Richard, precisely attends to his innovative cooking style, which is in full glory at Le Piano Zinc. With a $25 five-course prix fixe menu, in addition to the tantalizing a la carte fare, scrumptious desserts and quality wines, this spot deserves a serious look.

The restaurant evokes a cruise ship's dining room crossed with the suavest deco. Mirrors cover opposing walls, creating that infinite reflection we love. Although comfortable, padded banquettes line the walls, and cozy chairs fit in white clothed tables, I couldn't help feeling a bit cramped: space is a bit tight in the one-room, no-smoking dining area. Loud French conversation overflows from the bar, which glows from the neon window sign, and serves cocktails and wines by the glass. The French is comforting, somehow, and definitely adds to the experience in its boldness and apparent uproar, but it's not uproar, you know, it's just the French. The voices of Jacques Brel, Charles ("La Mer") Trenet and Ella Fitzgerald visit with favorite chansons—we liked the version of "La Vie en Rose" sung by a man about a man—ooh la la!

Salad Piano Zinc ($5) is composed of baby lettuces tossed in a ultra fresh tarragon vinaigrette, curiously creamy for a vinaigrette. It's nice to see offal (the British term for innerds) served, and served so well, at such an accessible restaurant: I loved the **Milk Fed Sweetbreads, Broiled with Fresh Tomatoes** ($8), broiled until just succulent, and bathed in a rich dark glace. You can't find fresher **Sliced Fresh Ahi Tuna on a bed of Creamy Potatoes** ($8) than this: the flesh, deep opalescent rose in color and creamy in texture, is happily paired with a roasted garlic cream sauce, dotted with brunoise (small cubes) of potatoes, chopped chives and spinach, with a pleasantly lingering flavor.

Cassoulet ($9), a composition of white beans, duck confit, and garlic sausage slowly baked with bread crumbs, makes the perfect cold night's supper. This generous version reminded one of my companions of her grammar school's Thursday cafeteria lunch, and I quickly protested, remarking on the subtle texture, the melding of the smoky flavors with the soft, squishy beans, topped with barely crunchy crumbs on top. Mmmm.

The one flop of our meal was the **Roasted Duck Breast with Cherries, Honey and Vinegar** ($12), where slices of roast duck breast, quite chewy, were napped in a salty Asianesque sweet and sour sauce, disappointing since duck breast pairs so well with cherries, and is often a real winner.

A terrific value was the five-course **Prix Fixe** menu, with one glass of wine, priced at $22.50. We started with **Homemade Duck Raviolis Sauce Aigrelette**, in which homemade pasta (a little thick, or slightly underdone) encloses a peppery blend of shredded duck and bread crumbs, in a tangy game glace. Next came the fish course: a gorgeous **Steamed Salmon with Fresh Ginger Sauce**, with unfortunately salty flesh offset by a flawless and aromatic ginger beurre blanc (butter sauce), topped with shredded steamed ginger. A **Mixed Lettuce** salad, acting as a palate cleanser before the entree, was laden with a bit too much tarragon dressing to effectively refresh. But what a piece of work was the **Braised Leg of Duck with Roasted Potatoes**. The meat, tender, juicy, and falling off the bone, was uplifted by a divine natural reduction sauce and accented by terrific slabs of roasted potatoes, brown and crunchy outside and fluffy inside. This dish highlights the kitchen's skill with a simple French preparation that others tend to overdo.

Chef Laurent was explaining the process of making a beurre blanc or candying peppercorns, saying that while you can candy or make a sauce out of anything, still, "It's a very delicate thing." This is a delicate thing that Laurent handles deftly, luckily for us. His stunning **Fresh Pear Poached with Candied Peppercorn Saboyon Sauce** exemplies this: A whole poached pear sits in a pool of creamy custard with rivers of red raspberry-liqueur laced sauce, bespeckled with candied peppercorns. You can't quite tell the graininess of the pear from the bite of the peppercorns, confusing the mouth and taste buds in a fun way, much like adding shredded carrots and orange zest to a salad and watching for your guests' surprised reaction. A **Semisweet Chocolate Truffle Cake with Coffee Cream Sauce** was chock full of cocoa flavor, floating in a pool of freshly ground coffee sauce that saved the dessert from the mundane. **Creme Brulee** had a layer of caramelized sugar on top that was a tad too brulee, but blanketed a marvelously smooth custard. All desserts are $5 (the prix-fixe includes dessert).

Service at Le Piano Zinc can be forgetful, but problems seem to be repaired quickly and forgiveably. The kitchen emits quiet, serious vibes from its tidy place in the rear of the restaurant, tending to plate design as much as taste. I found myself with a giddy, warm feeling at the end of our meal, while we sipped excellent house-blended coffee and chatted with Ventura about the **petits drames** of the evening. What a rough life this reporter lives...

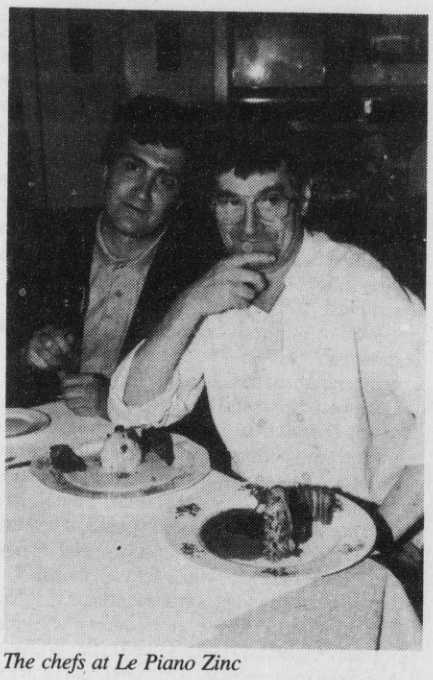


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Around Town...

What a treat it was discovering that **Pauline's Pizza Pie**, at 260 Valencia, is not the greasy spoon I had imagined! Pauline no longer owns this bright, white tableclothed pizza place, but her fantastic dough recipe lives on. Excellent Mediterranean-style ingredients are offered as toppings (Andouille sausage, calamata olives, pancetta) over fresh-tasting sauce and the crisp-yet-bready crust. Nice to find pizza for a little less money, too. Great execution on the baby green salad with vinaigrette. Is it true that a man plays a saw there on Wednesday nights? *Service, pizza & surroundings:* ▼ ▼ ▼ ½.

Khan Toke Thai House, at 5937 Geary, provides an unusual atmosphere of comfort, where you remove your shoes, enter the spacious, low-ceilinged dining room and sit at a short table on cushioned seats. Food is not the best Thai around town, but certainly full of fresh coconut, mint, peppers, and other tangy Siamese tastes. Gai Tom soup (fresh coconut base with chicken and peppers) is extraordinary, rich and satisfying; Yellow chicken curry delightfully aromatic and deep. *Service & atmosphere:* ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼; *Food:* ▼ ▼ ½.

Bee Hive, at 471 Haight at Fillmore, evokes Warhol's 1962 New York, with fabu drag queens slinging hash to a hip Lower Haight crowd. Unfortunately, the food sucks. Greasy, tasteless onion rings, rubbery and cold pancakes and waffles, and an eggplant sandwich with practically raw eggplant scared me away, at least for a while, until the icky goo from the tops of the ketchup bottles is removed. *Service, super-friendly but quite slow:* ▼ ▼; *food:* ▼; *atmosphere (with TV monitors showing Sunset Blvd. & Carpenters' specials):* ▼ ▼ ▼.

The **Hunan Restaurant**, on Sansome & Broadway, still has the best Hunan food anywhere. Dumplings, steamed and potsticker-shaped, filled with pork, are wrapped in the lightest of doughs—absolutely amazing. Also remarkable are the onion cakes, Hot & Sour Chicken, and any of the smoked specialties. Most of the dishes here are spiked with lots of hot chinese red pepper, so either get ready to drink lots of tea (the most effective beverage for combatting that burning chili oil) or inform your server you'd like a milder preparation. *The erratic service earns* ▼ ▼ ½; *atmosphere, bright and attractive:* ▼ ▼ ▼ ½, *and food:* ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼.

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Voyage to Lesbos

REVIEWED BY VAL C. PHOENIX

The New York troupe The Five Lesbian Brothers made quite a splash with their San Francisco debut work, *Voyage to Lesbos*, packing 'em in for five performances at New Langton Arts Center. High on lesbian content and unrestrained sexuality, the show proved to be particularly popular with dykes—sort of an Olivia cruise for the theater crowd.

Voyage takes us into Lesbos County in the 1950s, where five deep-in-denial dykes are coping with the impending wedding of one of their number. "Bonnie's getting married! Was a queer last year!" sing the bewigged foursome in high camp style. Far from being happy, though, they quickly prove to be downright depressed about this turn of events, and with good reason. She's slept with all of them.

Bonnie (Peg Healey), however, remains blissful about her marriage, advising her lovesick cousin Connie (Dominique Dibbell) to "think about dick." Instead, the two enjoy a joint masturbatory interlude, humping various living room implements, including the vacuum cleaner. Connie's frustrated desire for Bonnie adds to her lack of stability, prompting more visits to her analyst.

Meanwhile, the two butches, Janet (Maureen Angelos) and Evelyn (Babs Davy) are plotting the demise of Bonnie's fiance Brad, pausing to compare the respective smells of Bonnie and Connie, while Mimi (Lisa Kron), the resident hausfrau, offers the benefit of her experience in marriage. Sex is high on the list of plot motivations. At one point, the trio of Connie, Bonnie and Mimi exchange strawberrry shortcake-coated kisses in a veritable all-girl orgy.

Holding this all loosely together are Connie's sessions with her analyst, as she questions the reasons for her unhappiness. Will Bonnie get married? Will Connie get satisfaction? There's no real suspense here, just lots of laughs. The night I went, people were practically rolling in the aisles at some of the absurdities. Camp is one of the Brothers' strengths. Just when things are getting heavy, someone breaks into song, or gives in to her repressed lesbian tendencies. Somewhere in there, there's a message about denying oneself, but it's overlayed with a healthy helping of silliness.

The production moves at a brisk pace, carrying the audience along. If you stop to think about it, you might quibble with a few points, such as the meaning of certain segments. The characters of Janet and Evelyn are not as sharply defined as the other three. But, they all have their moments. Dibbell's performance is a standout. Her pill-popping, confused and horny characterization is over the top and yet somehow subtle. Who can explain? Suffice to say you should catch the Five Lesbian Brothers the next time they're in town.

Michael Crawford Sings Opera

BY GENE PRICE

Phantom of the Opera may still be a year away from our provincial shores, but its star, Michael Crawford, has set about whetting local appetites with his guest appearance in *The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber*, now at the Golden Gate. If subsequent audiences are as enthusiastic as the opening night crowd, Crawford and Company may well rack up new attendance records.

Crawford is handsome, ingratiating, and boyish (you may remember him as the lovable goofball Cornelius in *Hello Dolly)* and, all the hullabaloo notwithstanding, he has a magnificent voice. It's lush, romantic, seductive, and he can belt and hold a high note with death-defying confidence. In a word or two, he's exactly what everybody hoped he would be: a superstar.

As special guest star of this concert tour (one-week runs in 17 cities), he paces himself, singing only one number at the end of the first act, two duets and a solo in the second act, and an encore.

What we have meantime is a 37-piece orchestra on stage fronting a choral ensemble of 12 accomplished but impersonal singers, choreographed like wind-up dolls, and belting the hell out of their assigned numbers. (At what point in Broadway musicals history did sheer volume become equated with vocal quality? If the original production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* had assaulted its audience with an overture as tediously overblown and orchestrally pompous as this one, I doubt that that fine musical would have survived.) Moving in lock-step, the ensemble's every gesture seems designed to beg applause.

There's a *big* suite of songs from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and a *big* suite from *Starlight Express* (including a solo by Tami Tappan on "U.N.C.O.U.P.L.E.D." that sacrificed its country-western intimacy to electronic magnification).



Photo by Betsey Bourbon

Michael Crawford

Two numbers from *Cats* featured Janet Metz on "Memory" and Ty Taylor on "Mr. Mistoffelees," which he sang and danced with sly elegance. Taylor is a major plus in this company.

From *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Cathy Porter sang a lovely "I Don't Know How to Love Him," Julie Waldman-Stiel and the ensemble sang the lilting "Everything's Alright," and then Crawford stepped into the solo spotlight with an emotional rendition of "Gethsemane."

Two numbers from *Evita* preceded another of the evening's high points, "Pie Jesu" from Webber's *Requiem.* Tami Tappan and Gay Willis, backed by the company, sang the number with a breathtaking purity of tone.

The final seven numbers were from *Phantom.* Catherine Hyde sang a touching "Think of Me," and was then joined by Crawford on the title song, "Phantom of the Opera." Crawford and Cathy Porter joined voices in the love duet, "All I Ask of You," (not sung by Crawford in the musical), and Ms. Hyde returned to solo on "Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again."

Then Crawford brought the curtain down and the audience to its feet (again) with his by-now famous rendition of "The Music of the Night." For an encore he led the ensemble through "Love Changes Everything."

It may well take another year for *Phantom* to move its fog machines and crashing chandelier up from Los Angeles, but after hearing seven numbers from this show and Crawford singing three of them, I can wait.

The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber (with Michael Crawford) continues at the Golden Gate Theatre through Sunday, March 15. Call 762-BASS.

Maya Culpa:

N.Y. Comedian Storms Josie's

BY DAVE FORD

When Frank Maya opens his gay-themed comedy show tonight for a fortnight-plus run at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint, he may be just slightly more jittery than usual.

"Playing for a gay audience is *much* tougher" than working a straight one, the Manhattan-based comedian says in a telephone interview. "They're *real* demanding. They're up on show business and are often more sophisticated. Of course, that also means they'll get more references than a straight audience."

Which ultimately works in the 35-year-old showman's favor: *The Frank Maya Show* is a compendium of bits about the former musician's Long Island boyhood and adolescence, as well as his current take on gay life. It's the most recent work from a performer who, until two years ago, referred to his sexuality onstage only in passing.

"Finally," he says, "I realized I didn't have a choice about it. And once I started, it just took off. The new show is all from a gay point of view. That's just me: My whole act is personal."

Maya acknowledges it's daunting for a New Yorker to trek to the gay comedy spawning ground of grizzled veterans like Danny Williams, Marga Gomez and Tom Ammiano, and ferocious young bucks like Scott Capurro, Mark Davis and Sabrina Matthews.

"In San Francisco I'm just another gay comic," Maya laughs. "Audiences there see zillions of them, so I really have to hold my own—whereas in some parts of the country, I get a standing ovation just for being gay."

Maya says San Francisco audiences "tend to be aware of what's politically correct in comedy." That means the gay stereotypes Maya lampoons sometimes draw good-natured hisses here. "There are *definitely* things in my show that irritate people," Maya says. "And that's fine with me."

What isn't fine with Maya is the still-large number of closeted comedians and performers.

"I'm floored by it," he says. "I used to think outing was a good idea, but now I'm not so sure. But in cases where gay people are hurting gays—like, there's this one comedienne in New York who's a lesbian. In her act, she presents herself as straight, and even makes fun of West Village 'fags.' That, to me, is gay-bashing."

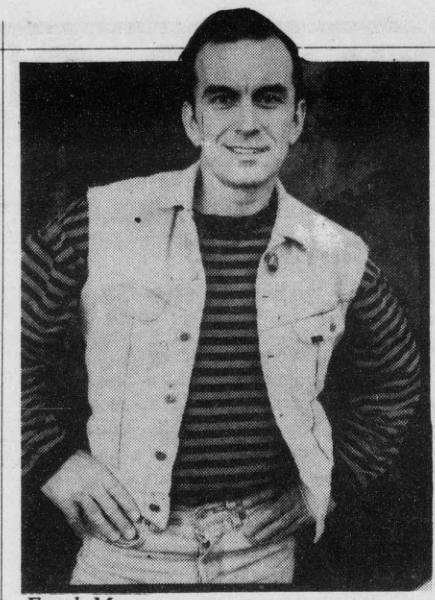


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Frank Maya

Maya, who declined to audition for the queeny George Carlin role in *Prince of Tides* ("It was stereotypical bullshit"), notes that while Hollywood is "filled with macho, homophobic assholes," television is loosening up: "I mean, on the *Dynasty* finale, Blake Carrington visited his son and his son's lover, you know?" He adds that he's been offered a gay-themed sitcom: "That doesn't interest me right now, but I'm glad it's happening."

For the time being, Maya is keen on pushing his show (after the Josie's run, it'll play Off Broadway) which, he says, has broad appeal.

"I've workshopped the show for straight audiences in New York, and they loved it," he says. "It's a little scary for them when I get into sex topics—I talk about dildos, tops and bottoms, all that—but it's fun, too."

What's funny can also be educational; Maya notes that when he was a kid, seeing brilliant Black comedian Richard Pryor "brought me into a world I knew nothing about." Now Maya is bringing others into his world.

"My main thrust right now is to do what I can do," he says. "Not that I'm an openly gay performer to save the world or anything. But it's what I do. And, given this country's current political climate, the fact that I could fail at this never really occurs to me—which, I suppose, is a good thing."

"The Frank Maya Show" opens tonight, March 12, and runs Thursdays-Sundays through March 29, at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint, 3583 16th St. at Market. Call 861-7933 for reservations and information.

Jill Posener Directs "Twice Over"

Former London Gay Sweatshop Production

BY RANDY TUROFF

Jill Posener has been very busy these days. She's making her directorial debut at Theatre Rhinoceros with British playwright Jackie Kay's *Twice Over*. *Twice Over* was first presented by London's Gay Sweatshop in 1988. Posener is a former member of the troupe and one of the first women to join its ranks in 1976. Aside from her theatrical career, Posener is also known as a professional photographer with two books to her credit, *Spray It Loud* and *Louder Than Words*. She is a contributor to the recently published book *Stolen Glances: Lesbians Take Photographs* by Pandora Press.

Some of her theatrical photographs are currently on display at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint in San Francisco. In addition, Posener was recently named to the screening committee for the 1992 San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Film Festival. I caught up with Jill between tech rehearsals for *Twice Over*, and we spoke at length about the world of lesbian culture and her place within it.

(SF Bay Times) I can see from your resume that you've been a professional lesbian for a couple of decades already. Is this wholehearted commitment a political choice and/or do you find that the gay community is the only place where your lesbian-identified work can find such a degree of acceptance?

(Posener) You can see the disdain creeping into my face. What a question! Nobody's ever asked me that. I've always resisted definitions like that, and yet it would appear, clearly from the work I've done, that every part of my work has been informed by my lesbianism. The idea of my being a lesbian photographer, for instance, or a lesbian playwright terrifies me. It's not internalized homophobia on my part. It's just that like any other artist, my sexuality informs my work. It's the work that stands on its own, so for me this question makes me uncomfortable.

Actually, my sexuality is the constant and only thing I've never been ashamed of in my life. It's the thing that's informed everything in my life because I'm always who I am. Some people play at passing; I couldn't. That's a burden and a gift.

When I was in my 20s, being a lesbian, being in the gay and lesbian theater company and writing a lesbian play, was the be-all and end-all of my life, and I dropped a career in straight theater and abandoned straight jobs in order to take little or no pay for lesbian jobs. That's true. But as I moved into my late 30s, I've wanted more and more to find a home as an artist—a place in the world



Photo by Jill's mom



Photo by Tre A. Corinne

Jill age 8 (left) and today

that I belong in which is unghettoized and judged alongside every other artist. But this has become more difficult the older I get.

When I was younger I made choices that pushed me further into that, and as I get older I find it virtually impossible to break away from what have become those constraints. Much as I would like, it's impossible, even though I consider myself to be an outsider within the lesbian community. I'm not a belonger or part of any group. I'm a rule-breaker as I've always been, an outsider. I was Jewish being brought up in Berlin, German in England and British in America.

Tell us about your theater background.

Before the Gay Sweatshop, I'd already been a professional stage manager for three years. In 1974 in London, there was so much energy. I was a young lesbian working in straight theater. Then when I was working on Robert Patrick's *Kennedy's Children*, he was the one who told me about this new gay theater group starting. When I went to their meeting, they were all men. I wrote a play and read it to them, and they all said they wanted to work with me. But there was no way that I could work with them just then. So a group of my friends and I put together the show and produced it ourselves for one night. When Sweatshop saw it they invited all four of us to join in early '76. *Any Woman Can* took off. This was a magical moment.

In the mid-70s the combining of your personal, professional, political and sexual life was such heady stuff. I felt at home for two years or so. I also started taking my first photographs with them, to document the shows, so I had my first theatrical photos. I began to develop my calling card. I liked photography, because I don't like to travel in packs and I could do my work and be alone. I began taking more and more photos and I began working for straight newspapers. In 1980 I was working for a major British newspaper, *The Daily Mirror*. I had no problem with being an out lesbian, and I was treated like a professional with nice big checks. Then they had financial cuts and cut out freelancers and temporary staff. It was owned by Robert Maxwell, who announced one day, "The gravy train is off the tracks." So I moved on.

How did you end up in San Francisco?

I came here in 1986 to help a friend do theater. The minute I set foot here, I was in love with the city. I never intended to stay, and I do go back and forth and spend some time in London. I left Britain partly because I couldn't stand what was happening there politically: Section 28, Thatcher, the demolition of the education system and health

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Sid and Imogene: Together Again

BY GENE PRICE

Depending upon your birthdate, of course, you may never have seen or even heard of Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca, stars of the classic 1950-54 television series, "Your Show of Shows." For an older generation, the nonplussed Caesar and the otherworldly Coca *were* television as they romped through skit after skit (some good, some not) week after week, from the pens of young Neil Simon, Larry Gelbart, Woody Allen and Mel Brooks.

Coca is 82, Caesar is 69, but they're still giving all they've got, which, though slowed down a bit, is still considerable.

"Comedy is truth," Caesar says in his introduction, and he proceeds throughout the evening to illustrate small truths about the mini-panics of growing up. A master of mime, he is the petrified teenager forcing bravado at his first dance. He is the groom walking down the aisle as his whole life flashes before his glazed eyes. He is a concert pianist with too many fingers. In one subtle masterpiece he contorts his features and arms into a penny gumball machine that works its way up to slot-machine heaven before taking a prideful fall. In another bit he manages to garble his version of German, Italian and Japanese into a perfectly comprehensible English.

Coca has less to do but when she's on, she's *on*. Her elasticized features are blessedly seductive as she bumps through a strip tease without ever removing her trench coat. Her usually benign smirk droops into the woebegone scowl of a bloodhound that has lost the scent as she stumbles about singing her "Queen of the May" song, only to discover her entourage has wandered elsewhere.

As a demented couple miming a domestic argument to the first movement of Beethoven's Fifth, they create their own outrageous symphony. "At the Movies," one of the all-time classics, evolves into a free-for-all when a man—in an otherwise empty theater—takes the seat next to a woman. They are assisted here, as in other skits, by deadpan comedian Lee Delano and by Rolf Barnes and his two-piece orchestra.

Most of the skits are period pieces, innocent, nonconfrontational, provoking nostalgic smiles rather than belly laughs, as they dredge up memories of when "Your Show of Shows" was the *only* show in town.

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FILM

BY RANDY TUROFF

Overseas

Overseas is a strange sort of film. There are so many things about it which are tremendously effective, and yet in the long run, it really comes off as a big romantic melodrama. The best way to approach this film is to read it as opera, as a grand stylization of romanticism, replete with the necessary tragic consequences. The film is an elegant throwback to the late 40s and 50s, when well-brought-up French girls became engaged, got married for life, and spent their days having babies and perpetually fulfilling obligations toward their extended families. The French women in this case are three sisters living as privileged colonialists in Algeria during the period of the "Arab uprisings." Through the course of the film, their charmed lives slip into fatality.

The movie, which takes place in Algeria, was actually shot in Tunisia. The elegant cinematography is lush, sensual and sunny, and in many respects it's reminiscent of *The Garden of the Finzi-Continis*. The social milieu is that of wealthy, snobby and racist colonials whose idyllic life is interrupted by the Franco-Algerian War and by the realities of life's struggles which hit everyone no matter how well placed. Unfortunately, the political consciousness of the group as a whole is practically nil.

The political struggles are used solely as backdrop for the family's center-stage melodramatics. The characters, however insular and politically unconscious they may be, are portrayed with depth and affection by the filmmaker, Brigitte Rouan, who sees them as people we are somehow made to care about. What's best about this film is its subtle rendering of the intimacies of family and marital life. Beneath the roles are people grappling with real needs which are tacitly unfulfilled.



Brigitte Rouan, Nicole Garcia and Marianne Basler in "Overseas"

The stories of the three women's lives are naturally intertwined. The narrative techniques used by the filmmaker are sophisticated and novelistic in a modern mode. Certain key instances are replayed a number of times and seen through different eyes, creating texture and new levels of understanding of the characters as individuals and in relationships.

At a fancy outdoor dance party we see the character of Zon and her husband Paul, a naval officer who's away from home most of the time. Paul is busy talking with a fellow officer, when Zon is whisked away by another of Paul's colleagues. The torrid "Paso Doble" they do on the dance floor is extremely passionate, with lots of coordinated close body movement. Both dancers are so entirely involved with each other that they don't see everyone else retiring to the sidelines to watch them. After the dance, Zon runs off to the garden and flagellates herself with a palm frond, chiding herself with: "I'm not normal." When husband Paul accosts her, they have a blow-out fight as he screams: "You're a wife and a mother... I can't stand anyone touching you... You're vulgar and cheap." The same scene recurs much later in the film through a flashback by Malene, another sister. This time we see the dance being performed through Malene's eyes, with an incredulous expression on her face as she watches precisely where and when the man's hands caress her sister's body. Her focus is less on the dance itself than on the positions of his hands. Years later, in an entirely different context, she throws this up in Zon's face.

Obviously Malene has her own problems. Although her marriage began with rosy intentions, it soon faded under harsh realities. Her husband was a dreamer, incapable of putting his shoulder to the wheel. Against her will, she ended up wearing the pants in the family, running the vineyards, the household and holding the business together. After a grueling day in the fields, intensified by the mounting dissatisfaction among the Arab workers, she comes home to find her husband sitting placidly reading a book. She bursts into a rage: "I hate wearing the pants. I hate looking down at you like a kid." He responds ineptly: "My lovely wildcat." In the next extraordinary scene she goes into the stable and begins to passionately kiss her horse.

The younger sister Gritte refuses all her suitors and tries desperately not to become entrapped by the social conventions which have killed her sisters. Her clandestine affair with an Arab rebel tragically backfires. In the end, the freedom she has always desired eludes her.

Overseas is in every sense a "woman's" film. It concerns itself with marital relationships, affairs and engagements, children and the household. But given this sphere of concentration, Rouan uses all her talent as filmmaker and screenwriter to explore this territory and its complexities. Her sex scenes are subtly sexual, non-gratuitous and non-exploitative. How each of the women touch and caress, and react to being caressed, highlights the personalities of each of them on this basic and usually overlooked level. The sexuality works psychologically, and it's always placed within the context of the story, within the truths of the characters' temperaments within their relationships.

The cinematography in *Overseas* is excellent, not only in the long shots of the landscape and the overviews of group dynamics, but especially in the close shots. The camera goes very far in revealing the intimate gestures and expressions of the characters. In fact, it goes exceptionally deep into their psyches, into psychological places where their pain and emotional feelings come out as externalized internality. When Zon realizes that her husband who is missing in action is probably dead, we see her rolling and moaning in bed, dressed in his uniform, and growling like an animal in the throes of primal anguish. These types of private moments are rarely shown so candidly on the screen.

All three sisters are perfectly cast, and the acting by Nicole Garcia, Marianne Basler and Brigitte Rouan herself, is flawless. The three women are given equally good story lines, and they are beautiful to watch. They all have that classic French WASP look, and they are a treat for the eyes in their decollete gowns, their revealing bathing suits and their lingerie. The suitors and husbands are handsome enough, but the focus is definitely on the sensuality of the women. The men only play supporting roles, so the women get all of our attention as the subjects who desire and are desired. From a lesbian perspective, one couldn't ask for more from within this restricted strictly heterosexual context. I found the relationships between the women to be profoundly truthful, and I believed the ways they interacted with one another as characters who were supposed to be sisters in a close-knit family.

Amazingly, *Overseas* is Brigitte Rouan's first feature film as a director. She's been an actor for most of her life. *Overseas* received the critics' award at the 1990 Cannes Film Festival and it's been making a hit wherever it's been shown. It opens here in San Francisco on March 13 at the Lumiere.

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services. If you're in any way radical or have any political sensibility in Britain, you're in a constant state of anger. I was depressed, and the weather really got on my nerves. I was also very much in conflict with Sheila Jeffries and the anti-porn feminists and the anti-S/M lesbians.

For me, there's an absolute continuum in what I do, in that any public expression of lesbian sexuality is what I consider to be a significant part of our liberation. It's up in the face of the powers that be. Who cares about secrecy? Anyone can do that. Fuck that kind of caution. Why should we censor our eroticism?

Tell us something about the play Twice Over *which you're directing.*

I saw *Twice Over* when it first opened in England in 1988. My take on it then was that it was depressing but tender—kind of a big lesbian *kvetch* from the soul. But within that play I also saw and appreciated the issues of reconciliation and secrets, and the fact that ordinary family relationships of blood and marriage are often not the relationships that are most important for us in our gay lives. This play brings that up nicely and asks us to examine it.

It deals with the love affair between two older women. It's a mixed race cast where race is not an issue but is a given. Jackie Kay is a Black playwright who was adopted by white parents. She's a brilliant poet and short story writer. I think playwriting is her weakest talent, actually. I don't want to make any false claims for this play. I don't think it's the kind of play that makes you say: I've never seen anything like this before. But I do believe it's a play which, when played truthfully, evokes emotional responses both from the company and from the audience, which makes it a good reason for us to go to the theater. I think we go to the theater to be moved, not just to be entertained.

Frankly, this may not have been the perfect play for me to direct. The script is good but not great. Adele Prandini [artistic director at Theatre Rhino] thought I'd be good for it, so she more or less convinced me to do it. As she said, and I agree, if you sit back and wait for the absolutely perfect play to direct, you never do it. I've thought about directing for a long time. The thing is, I have to be passionate about everything I do. Part of the struggle with directing this play is in keeping the passion going on a day-to-day basis with a script which has some real flaws. But I am doing my best, and I'm committed to making it work.

Twice Over *runs at Theatre Rhinocerous through Saturday, April 11. Call 861-5079 for info.*

WELCOME TO ME

BY GGREG DEBORAH TAYLOR, O.S.



Photo by Marc Geller

Hogan Vando and Mark Bowes prepare backstage for their performances, which garnered them 3rd and 2nd place respectively in the Miss Uranus '91 competition.

Dancing Toward The Apocalypse With Sunglasses Tinted Rose

People my age are dancing into the flames of the Inferno, glazed smiles frozen through the miracles of modern chemistry, eyes clenched shut, future uncertain and unexamined. Denial? You bet. It's got a good beat, and you can dance to it.

X absolves political consciousness. Bass tracks supplant the future. Clever accessories simulate personality. Samples replace conversation.

House heads, the New Age multiracial hippies, speak of coming together, unity, community and elevated consciousness. Some espouse that house music unites the world.

Who carries this banner which hoards of house heads follow? The Pied Pipers of the new age are *huge* drug dealers making tens of thousands of dollars off the public's need to escape looming apocalyptic, hollow futures. Universal convergence? That'll be $20. Have a nice time. Oh, and the Smart Bar's to your right.

The new wave of house sounds is fab, bringing many cultures together, pouring forth ample samples of its audial soup. But the club culture it engenders in SF is not one which embraces political consciousness. Not that the club scene is only meant to be an intellectual and political melting pot. However, that had been an exciting new element that was being added to the stew.

I stood in Colossus recently listening to an old friend and present Club Lord speak to me of convergence. I smiled to myself, wondering privately if this person actually believed the lines they were delivering.

Boiled down to its basic elements, most of Clubland has become built on hype, insecurity, drug-induced acceptance/denial, and peer pressure.

At an after-hours party later the same evening in Twin Peaks, I eyed my surroundings, seeing no faces familiar from years of marching in demos, from volunteering at agencies, from endless tedious meetings. I recalled that one of the retail queens in the room had related a horrified story to me of gay men actually applying stickers to *marble* at a demonstration.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Until Jesse Helms came along, I, like many others, was an apathetic disco fag: big hair, good shoes, no politics.

It is hard as an inexperienced youth to understand that every person on the planet has within them the ability to shift their world and to effect social change. The media, disillusioned peers and our government discourage involvement toward progressive social change.

Jolts of reality make it clear that social and political involvement are not options but rather necessities. As I sat in my old beau John's room in Davies Medical Center last weekend, looking at the tubes in his arms and the patches on his legs, I started becoming angrier.

Straight people can dance into oblivion. They are not my concern. But for homos, it's time to step up to the clue box. The Dead Kennedys stated so appropriately, "You'll be the first to go unless you think."

Activism apparently is no longer fashionable. Gone are the stickers, the righteous fist-waving, the highly publicized weekly demos. Nancy Kravitz noted to me that, "It seems like all the gung-ho activists have lost their steam."

More accurately, the intellectually trendy and the socially fickle have redirected their gazes. ACT UP is no longer seen as chic. Queer Nation is not *in* this season.

Others with power and wealth sit by and do nothing. As I sat in Cafe Flore last weekend, I watched a man for whom I have worked, drinking his latte, knowing of his luxurious Mercedes, his in-house sauna, and his secretary who he foists off on clients as a heterosexual ploy to beard himself.

As I sat on my friend John's bed at Davies, I became angrier at my peers and faceless strangers.

Fortunately, many remain, doing impactful work, propelling the movement forward. For the undying devotion of the Laura Thomases and Mike Shrivers of the world, I am thankful.

Drug-induced celebration has its place. Festivity is healing. But neither can serve as a long-term replacement for wisdom through clear vision and experience.

HOMOS TO GO

There are times, however, when shameless revelry and *real* fun become fab forums for growth and learning.

The first Saturday of each month, Mike&Lewis take a van-load of drag queens and assorted tasties down to Santa Cruz for ***South of Uranus*** at the Blue Lagoon.

Unloading in the hotel, I was amused with what others had brought with them and arranged neatly bedside: latex gloves, surgical masks, cotton stretchy bandages, and a vat of lube.

Arriving later at the club, we found it populated with an eclectic assortment of suburbanites, college students and hippies. At first the crowd was tense and rightfully scared of the crew M&L had brought from SF, including a bad mime, scary clowns, and an over-tanned, bronzer-soaked lion tamer. But many cocktails later the rabble became unstoppable. Toward the end of the evening, an overly friendly woman was trying to suck my nipples through my lingerie as I lay on the bar sipping a juice. People in Santa Cruz seem very friendly.

The real reason to go south with the mob, however, is for the party at the hotel afterward, about which I have heard so much.

Without going too far into details, the scenario in one of the motel rooms centered around three drag queens donning surgical masks and latex gloves, performing mock surgery and anal probes on a man dubbed "Buttlicker," while being videotaped and photographed by others, with ten to twenty people floating in, out and about the room.

I've already signed up for the next trip down.

SHORT SHOTS

Death on the Water at Life on the Water will be presented as a benefit for ***Playstitute***, the new queer theater production company inspired by the **Sick and Twisted Players**. Musical performances will include **Elvis Herselvis, Omewenne, God's Girlfriend, Pussy Tourette, Miss Kitty and Her Clipped Out Recipes**. Theatrical productions by **Phillip R. Ford, Chris Trian**, and **Stefan Maxine** will be presented. Not to be missed on this overstuffed bill, a cacophony only achievable by "newcomer" special events enthusiast Michael Collins, lesbian stripper/poet/rocker chic **Danielle "Hell" Willis'** production of *Wimmins' Weekend Massacre*. *Death on the Water* will be held Friday the 13th at Life on the Water, Building B, Fort Mason Center. The show is all ages, and starts at 10 pm.

The next night, Saturday the 14th, Klubstitute welcomes **Jennifer Blowdryer's *SMUTFEST***. Another laundry list from the Who's Who of the cabaret/stripper/sex worker set is featured, again with **Danielle Willis**, performance artist **Divianna Ingravillo**, lesbo publisher **Lily Braindrop, Bambi Lake**, stripper/poet **Kathleen Wood**, sex astrologist **Pendra**, *Tantrum* Editor-in-Chief **Alvin Orloff**, and recently discovered ingenue **Jade**. Singer from the Dead Kennedys,' **Jello Biafra,** will perform the function of DJ for the night. This evening's personality to watch for would have to be **Otter**, the first person I ever saw giving head in a bar, who recently received thunderous, extended applause for excreting waste on a willing submissive on the go-go platform of Club Uranus. Talent? You bet.

In its signature style of fabulism exploitation and exploration for which it has become famous, *CLUB URANUS* will choose its next etiquette dictator and fashion magistrate, Sunday, March 15, 1992 at 10:30 pm, crowning the new ***Miss Uranus '92*** in a star-studded celebration of depravity and poor judgment.

I will pilot the evening's tenuous proceedings through a potential mine field of personalities, assisted by local celebrity judges **Elvis Herselvis, Donald Simrock** and **Miss Kitty Litter**, as well as my Lovely Assistant **Pussy Tourette**, aiding the gathered cocktail-swilling hoard in focusing their blurred vision on who deserves the fiercely contested title.

The gathered contestants will be judged in the categories of presentation, talent, and response to topical questions.

Last year's winner, auto-fellating, transsexual Siamese twins, **Dreama & Ineeda Bush**, who have since become the burnt Toast of the Town, have consented to willingly and gracefully step down from their demanding social position as titleholder.

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will fashion-tailor their consciences & slave to pay war taxes & S&Ls. I don't. "I do" take another single, lovely and gallant lesbian to become my mate and afford the best things in life which are free & creative, while being health-intelligent, non-abusive; with humor & staying power to gradually surrender our heights and depths in strolling & pettings' embraces and dream poems. Reply BT Box MR12A or call ★★6479.

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to enjoy the good things in life, try new things, and make new friends. Looking for love but not in a hurry. I'm 29, educated, ambitious, attractive, mature, independent, and interesting. I enjoy bicycling, swimming, tennis, movies, cooking, walks, Osento, good conversation, hanging out, nightlife, music and more. If you are somewhat compatible and late 20s to mid-30s, I'd like to hear from you. Reply BT Box MR13A or call ★★6480.

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Beastie

February 29 only comes once every four years so, Happy 3½ Anniversary, Baby! I know I'm a snarfy old thing, and it will probably only get worse, but I do love you very much. We've done it, thru thick and thin, and all I can say is... we're going to Hawaii!!! The wind just keeps whispering your name. Glove you madly, Emmett Snarfina.

Masochistic As Hell

But not especially submissive. 30-year-old female pervert, gorgeous tits, bewitching eyes, brilliant mind, smart mouth, seeks dyke top(s) with a sense of humor. Punish me for making wisecracks, if you want, but you'd bloody well better laugh first. I like pain, rough sex, getting the shit beaten out of me, more pain, eating pussy, even more pain, fucking my brains out, and other assorted elegant pastimes. I'm not vastly interested in obedience, subservience, submissiveness, etc., but am okay with it (within reason) if it gets you off. Switching is fine. Not clean and sober, but not an addict, either. I have a yummy, voluptuous body, but if you like skinny little things you'd better look elsewhere. Bi or bi-positive women, please. No men. Reply BT Box MR14A or call ★★6481.

Gorgeous Brunette Femme

GWF, 5'6", slender, green/brown eyes, NS, active, educated, adventurous, fun, thrill seeker, risk taker, nudist, snow ski (downhill), bicycle (street), run (5 & 10 Ks), hike, dance (learning 2-step), movies, explore city, sail, roller coasters, spicy Thai food, sushi, affectionate, happy, spiritual, love kissing, cuddling, massage, long sex-filled mornings (& evenings), want long-term friendship/romance/playmate/companion. Photo appreciated. PO Box 160164, Cupertino 95016 or call ★★6482.

"Great Women Are Hard to Find"

Is there a woman of grace and charm for whom aging is synonymous with achievement, not disintegration? I'm in my mid-sixties, very attractive, slender, erudite, bright, Jewish, political. Would love to share at least some of my interests: music, ballet, theater, the arts, museums, gourmet dining, good interesting conversations, with a woman of wit, taste, class and style. Refined, independent. PO Box 425, Corte Madera 94976-0425.

Are You My New Friend?

I spent years healing and learning to love myself. It made me very strong and allowed me to be open and "in the present" (well, mostly). I am an artist, craftswoman and my work is exciting and grounding for me. I love to be out in nature. Hiking & birding are a "must" for me. I'm looking for a friend, 35-45, playful, spirited, who knows herself and asks for what she wants. Is that you? Reply BT Box MR15A.

Let's Frolic!

Heck, it's Spring! Time to kick off our shoes (plus whatever else we wish) and make each other smile. Not looking to "couple," rather, I seek to enrich my life with other quality perverts like myself. Oh, we have our serious side: we're political, committed to social change, spiritual, active in our community, and spend time on self-improvement. And we can share that too. But first let's dazzle each other with our wit, perception, generosity, friendship and lust. Not into: smoke, drink, drugs, illiterate louts, couch potatoes, or big hair. Me: BiF, 37, 5'4", fat, cute! Reply BT Box MR16A or call ★★6483.

Travel Anyone?

Come with me, we shall see lands far away where air is clean, grass green, and everything is gay. Interested in meeting travel companion for major vacation, locations not yet planned. I'm 42, single, financially stable, intelligent, professionally employed, artistically creative, great sense of humor. Love dancing, games, gardening, chocolate. If you can't travel now, perhaps we can journey to each others' souls and explore the infinite uncharted places within. Reply BT Box MR17A or call ★★6484.

Mentor Me

Looking for a passionate lover with a sense of humor. I'm slim, soft, sexy, pretty and healthy. Youngish 30s. I'm an adventurous novice. I may be amusingly naive at times, but I'm creative, explorative, and a quick learner. Have my own dildo, lost my playmate. I'd be most comfortable with a sensual, confident, relaxed woman near my age, slim to medium, who likes sex, but isn't an extremist, separatist or overly butch. Turn-ons are brains, humor and hair long enough to pull. I'm sincere. Love to get mail. All letters answered. Amusing photo appreciated. Reply BT Box MR18A or call ★★6485.

"The World Is Too Much With Us,

Getting and spending we lay waste our power, little we see in nature that is ours." Successful, generous, pretty and romantic professional seeks a companion who has finished getting and with her power intact is eager to do some spending and experience life while the planet is still viable; travel to sea turtle nesting beaches, climb into the rain forest canopy, wander through the desert bloom, and watch the dogs outrace the surf. If you are vital, happy, uninhibitedly loving and want to go places and do things, write. A Southern accent, lingerie, b/t 35-45, a balanced checkbook, an irreverent sense of humor and a current passport desired. Reply BT Box MR19A.

Allow Me to Introduce Myself

I'm a fun-loving, adventure seeking, SF resident who's brown/blue, 30 y.o., sense of humor, who would like to meet others interested in experiencing great times, special thrills and just having fun. Bonus points if you like rollercoasters, full moons, hysterical laughter or chocolate. And, I don't care if you drink, smoke or do drugs—as long as you share!! Call ★★6486.

Mostly Veggie-tarian

Goddess, forthright, honest, tantra give/receive sexuality with spiritual transformations, kind, gentle, survived and grew, listen & understand, expressive, holistic health, appreciation daily, high energy, somewhat tall, 50 (+100 more), animal & human rights, love pleasure (positive chills & thrills), quiet breezes, grass, have generous nature, open/feeling, E. Bay long time, retaining New York humor. Be similar in some ways (minus N.Y. humor?). Call ★★6487.

Cupid, You Dumbass

Good, I got your attention. I'm 5'4". Mildly butch, or so I'm classified by those who make it their business. Anyway, call me because if you open up your door, I just might walk through the snow barefoot. I'm 27 and like music, dancing, movies, and much, much more! Let's go to Tahoe for the snow thing I mentioned. What a good deal! Call ★★6488.

Silly Woman Seeking Others

I'm 23, bi, looking for friends, really. Politically active, like to dance, read a lot, dig seeing bands, watch too many movies. Also love playgrounds (esp. at Golden Gate Park), walking to work because it's more fun than MUNI, and am travel-obsessed. Wanna hang out, do any of the above or something goofier still? Give a call! Reply BT Box MR20A or call ★★6490.

I Don't Care What My Friends Say...

It sucks to be single! I'm 25, short, cute, with a well-rounded bod. I smoke cigarettes, drink beer, play pool, and don't always talk like a lady. I'm not athletic, vegetarian, or always PC. I have a wide range of musical favorites—mostly live 105 and KUSF. I like dancing, good gigs, Osento, flex, andro-butch womyn (I am too), and people who are optimistic and have a good emotional disposition. Short girls with short hair get extra points. Call ★★6491.

Soft-Hearted Gal

Attractive, together, multifaceted professional, 58-yrs.-old, with lots of energy and many interests, including dining out, sailing, movies, candlelight dinners, travel and wine-tasting. Seeks down-to-earth, adventuresome woman for dating and fun times. Strong but soft-hearted gal values a good sense of humor, honesty & kind spirit above all. Please, no smokers. Unfortunately, allergic to pets. Reply BT Box MR21A or call ★★6492.

Seeker of Truth; Seeks Soulmate

Who's well-grounded, conscious and has diverse friends and interests. On an intimate level, you should be attentive, loving, very sexual, femme to earthy and a bottom. Pisces a plus. Me: womyn of color, Scorpio, attractive, androgynous top, dreadlocks. Very affectionate. Love children, shy until you get to know me. Aggressive yet gentle. Give love a chance. Single moms with toddlers welcome. Age, race unimportant. Reply BT Box MR22A or call ★★6493.

I Believe in Magic

And am therefore seeking a spiritual friend and partner to share life's mysteries. I am happy to be on the path of service; my work involves healing, Chinese herbs and counseling. Originally from Hawaii, 43, collector of comic books, especially Elfquest; crystals and shopping for Buddhas. Outdoor activities include camping, hikes and downhill skiing. City likes are ballet, modern dance, classical music. I practice the teachings of the Dalai Lama and Thich Nat Hahn. I meditate daily; am working toward a peaceful world and restoring balance to the planet. Non-smoker please, prefer vegetarian. Favorite flower: sterling rose. Reply BT Box MR23A or call ★★6494.

Sexually Diverse

Lesbian looking for hot, safe sex. I like fun "vanilla" sex, but also S/M. Looking for either/both. I'm a masochist into bondage, rough sex, spanking, fisting (me or you), whipping, crops, etc. I also like a quiet, sensuous, romantic evening ending with us cuddling together as we drift off to sleep. Haven't found one lover to do all—yet. Not looking for a relationship now, but open. Reply BT Box MR24A or call ★★6495.

Starving for Femininity

OK, I'll forgo the common interests if only I can meet some of the rouge-lipped beauties I see frolicking with their friends in the Castro. I'm tired of eyeing Macy's cosmetics saleswomen lustfully. I'm a feminine-looking, pretty, 28-year-old lesbian with diverse interests: movies, my dogs and writing are a few. I enjoy many things of the past: vintage clothing, older cars, antiques—but I enjoy many current things as well. I'm rational and generally easy-going. I'm not looking to meet cover models, just classically attractive women who want to enjoy time with the same. Age and race unimportant. Please, no leftists or closet cases. Call ★★6496.

Mozart & Martinis

East Bay professional, tall, fit, 43, existential vegetarian likes both remedies to somber realities, post industrial blues, health & humor important. Ability to withstand millions of kisses a must. Reply BT Box MR25A or call ★★6497.

Sound Familiar?

Moi: intelligent, attractive, physically fit, writer, activist, straightforward, warm, way passionate, nasty, switchable, somewhat urbane, expressive, lover of deserted beaches and fine jazz, downtown prof-girl, 31, would like to meet a woman of substance who possesses and loves some or all of the above qualities. You are emotionally/physically open and have a most definite acerbic, twisted wit and sense of humor, a deep love of yourself, life and passion. One woman who has had it (like myself) with the ever-so-tired atypical venue of girl-meeting (i.e., bars, et al) and is quite ready to slowly settle down and climb the walls all at the same time. If interested, call me: ★★6498.

Too Sexy for My...

Not! Actually, I'm just too bored, and not having any luck meeting Ms. Right. I'm looking for someone who isn't afraid to wear clunky black shoes while spending the evening eating pizza and watching Star Trek reruns. I'm 22, an Aquarius, and into the Zen relationship between pesto and self-expression. Come hike with me, fish with me, and be my love. Call ★★6499.

Life Is Not a Spectator Sport...

so I pursue my dreams (some of which have come true), keep an open mind, laugh often with friends, and enjoy being physically active. The only thing that could make it even more special is romance. I like music of all kinds, exploring scenic wonders near and far, photography, candid conversation, sports (GSL softball, swimming, track, golf, tennis, hiking, etc.), galleries/exhibits, dancing, long slow kisses, and a rich sense of humor. If you are late 20s to late 30s, have a life of your own, can say "tomboy" and "woman" in the same sentence, balance organization with spontaneity, and know sensuality is much more than a horizontal expression, this 5'7", stocky, blond/green thirty-something, warmhearted SF gem is only a phone call away. Call ★★6500.

Have Shoes, Will Date

I've shoes for many activities and open to collecting more. Balanced, very attractive, 30+ professional woman looking to share active and quiet times. Passionate about life, outdoors, food, friends, sun and fun. Enjoy bicycling, hiking, skating, dancing, skiing and traveling. I'm happy and considered a fun, reliable friend, but I want a relationship to challenge me and to grow into. I'm demanding but with much to give. Reply BT Box MR26A or call ★★6501.

Asian With Spice

This is NOT a sex ad. Seriously, I'm looking for an exceptional woman of substance (Hispanic, Asian, Jewish) who could enjoy my depth of experience and complexities as an Asian American woman. I'm happy, very attractive, healthy and professionally successful with great friends who view me as balanced, loyal, passionate, fun and affectionate. At 38, I enjoy a physically active lifestyle (bicycling, hiking, skiing and dancing) balanced with tranquility. Reply BT Box MR27A or call ★★6502.

Meet Me and Seduce Me

I look good. I am good and I can pay my own way. I am 43 with dark hair, green eyes and unblemished skin, all over. I dress down, laugh easily and exercise sporadically. I just want a woman who is easy to look at and fun to be with; to court me and seduce me. It won't be too difficult. We won't burden each other with expectations and we will drink cafe latte and eat scones in the morning before going back to bed. It is easy, it is honest and it is good for you if you are single and over 35 and your hopes have long since overshadowed your experiences. Reply BT Box MR28A.

In Search of...

Where's everybody? I've just ended a long-term relationship and I find myself in a foreign land. I would like to make new lesbian friendships. Womyn who are living a conscious life, unencumbered—who essentially have their shit together. I've done a lot of spiritual/personal growth these past years. Frankly, I need a break from my psychotherapist. I find therapy in making new friendships, good conversation, hiking, skiing down a challenging mountain or meditating on the beach. I'm 38 yrs., young and a medical professional. I'm open to the adventure of the unknown. If you are between 35-45 yrs. young, live in Marin-Sonoma County area—blow fate into the wind and take a chance—I certainly am. Reply BT Box MR29A.

Sisters

If you're between 35-55, nonsmoker, clean and sober (or light drinker), professional, spiritual and enjoy traveling, dining out, movies, outdoor activities, nice conversation and you're looking to build new friendships—possibly romance—please call. Call ★★6503.

Are You Creative?

Have a sense of adventure? Like to talk about books, politics, movies, art? Go hiking, biking, swimming, dancing? I'm 28, a writer when I'm not at my day job. Pretty intense, very independent. I like a sense of humor and people who are not afraid of honesty. Have very ecletic tastes and will try almost anything—once. Interested in meeting similar. Reply BT Box MR30A or call ★★6504.

Where Are You?

I am a woman of color looking for the same. I know you're out there but I can't seem to find you. My interests include movies, the theatre, and camping. I'm not into roles and I'm not really a bar person. (At least not on a weekly basis). Intelligence and a good sense of humor are important to me. If you think we're compatible get in touch with me. I'd love to hear from you. Call ★★6505.

Do Me

Fuck me, flog me, spank me, suck me, stroke me, tease me, kiss me, spread me, pinch me, lick me, slap me, beat me, whip me, squeeze me, bite me, poke me, prod me, grab me, fondle me, bugger me, torture me, taunt me, touch me... Call ★★6507.

Desperately Needing Illusions

Friendly bi-ology major looking for friendly nu-bile pal to go bi-king on a bi-weekly basis. I am friendly, bi-lingual, and somewhat am-bi-guous about my am-bi-tions. You should be friendly, sym-bi-otic, and capable of a deep, a-bi-ding, and totally uncommitted relationship. Bi-ceps a plus, but please, no pho-bi-as, bi-ases, or unfriendly types. Interested? Sorry, I can't make up my mind.

Magic Again!

You show me yours, and I'll show you mine. 47 years old, tall, silvering, soft butch of center looking for woman 5'5" or more, 35-45 y.o. who really likes herself and who likes her work, to travel, be with animals and kids, be physically active and spend time outdoors, who is politically aware and wants to dance, eat and have fun. No smokers. Reply BT Box MR32A or call ★★6508.

Looking For...

Cute sexy woman who wants to have lots of fun with an attractive, off-humored SF girl. Cable

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cars, symphonies in drag (or underwear), weekend jaunts to Idaho, coffee in North Beach, finger painting, French cigarettes and general disorder. Call ★★6509.

Yin Seeking Yang
Tall, attractive fem dyke seeks handsome butch for romance, companionship, and varied passion. I am multifaceted, broad-minded, physically and mentally active, employed, and in recovery for overeating. Seeking honest, autonomous, interesting, balanced dyke with self-knowledge. 28-38. Reply BT Box MR33A or call ★★6510.

Cotton Byke seeks Eco Dyke
for dating and possible long-term partnership. I'm 36, in recovery, and looking for romance, passion, sexuality and play. I enjoy nature, conversation, committed friendships, family ties, music, dancing, arts and crafts, cultural diversity, good books, ritual and long dog walks. You are emotionally honest, spiritually grounded, politically conscious and physically affectionate. Please write PO Box 31897, SF 94131, or call ★★6511.

Built-In-Family
Youthful 36 y.o. femme-of-center, trim, athletic, healthy, extremely affectionate, gifted passionate lover, intelligent, educated, radically feminist, irreverent, ecclectic, unusual sense of humor, intense, complex and spiritual. Music lover—esp. k.d. lang, two nice girls, Tracy Chapman. Play guitar, etc., tennis, racquetball, hike, camp. Have children/home/income. You have some or all of these fantasized qualities: big-boned gal, tall, strong, fit, powerful, aggressive, brainy, love children, love to cook, love a clean home, very available, domestic, energetic creative lover, interested in being a co-parent to my beautiful precocious children. Reply BT Box MR34A or call ★★6512.

Hug First, Talk Later
Wanted: Lesbian snuggle buddy, massage partner, maybe more. Let's share tales of past adventures and dreams of social change while soaking at Osento or walking to the Roxie. I'm 41, feminist, fun, average-size, attractive, outdoorsey, nonsmoking, light-drinking, childless, petless, Midwestern. I hope you're different. If your idols include Juliette Low or Margo St. James, please write: PO Box 40621, SF 94110.

I'm bright, quirky, funny, 49, reserved til I know you. Love being out and about in the city, coffee in cafes, driving the open highway, jazz, R&B, classical. I write, sculpt, sing when I'm happy. I'm persistent, compulsive, impulsive. A creative thinker, day-dreamer. Like to touch—people, textiles, tools, handmade paper, pets. Like old houses, birds in flight, children at play. Enjoy artifacts (the stranger the better), visiting friends, being acknowledged. Write BT Box MR35A or call ★★6513.

Active Mind/Active Heart
I am/you are: Unpretentious, intelligent, literate, slow-paced, spiritual (I am Quaker), feminist, lesbian. I am quiet and reserved, yet passionate. You are probably from a working-class or rural background, intellectually open, kind. Have some form of political/humanitarian commitment or consciousness, not be easily intimidated intellectually or emotionally, love your life. Must enjoy quiet time together, and allow room for solitude and creativity. I am looking for a partner to share life's journey, but am in no hurry. I have fine friends, solid life, open to more. 30+ please; 40+ welcome (I am 34). Reply BT Box MR36A or call ★★6514.

How Do You Make Love on Paper?
"Jane is back, dressed in black, hair like water flowing down her back." Never responded but never forgot; would like to meet you. Call ★★6515.

Bi
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Daring Exhibitionist
Handsome, gym-toned bi-WM, 5'9", 170 pounds, daring exhibitionist, would love to strip down and jerk off outdoors or in semi-public places (garages, hallways) with a thin female. You can just watch or (better yet) participate. I'm also open to any other interesting as well as creative ideas. Reply BT Box MR300A or call ★★6537.

The Alternative... Part II
As the saga continues, this unique being hasn't met her leading man. Fine as a man, gorgeous as a woman, part-time Asian TV, 25, is looking for some quality men for dating and hopefully something more than a casual fling, preferably tall, Caucasian, 25 and older, and accept my dual roles. No planned sequel. Do you hold the key to unlock my potentials? Reply BT Box MR301A or call ★★6538.

Fetching Nymph
of the male persuasion seeks ribaldry, symmetry and poetry. I'm a creative, passionate, playful bi-boy/girl into exploring the phantasmagorical world betwix and between (or, perhaps, above and beyond) the traditional gender boundaries. Would you like to join me in this fanciful journey? I hope so. Reply BT Box MR302A or call ★★6539.

Dear Adventurer:
I windsurf, ski, snowboard, sail, adventure travel, and more. I have brains, looks, an enthusiastic attitude toward life, and a driven fascination with this wonderful world. I'm searching for a guy into such activities, especially windsurfing, and like myself, into both sexes. Are you frustrated that others like us are hard to find in the way-too-overtly-hetero world of action and adventure? Strength a must, both physical and psychological, and one who finds friends are first and foremost.Reply BT Box MR303A or call ★★6540.

Bi WF, 35, amateur classical musician, baseball (Giants) fan, movie buff, bookworm, word fiend, snuggle-bunny seeks emotionally aware/accessible nonsmoker for all types of fun and seriousness. Reply BT Box MR304A or call ★★6541.

Blue Collar Men
are my weakness—fortunately I am theirs. Thick thighs, a bit of beer—full head of hair—a deep voice, no colognes. I've dated many of these—they are macho but sensitive and respond well to safe kink. Me, attractive, 43, 6'1", 175 lbs. in Sonoma County, will talk to you when you want. Write Box 2538 Guerneville 95446 or call ★★6542.

A Vastly Misunderstood Lifestyle
It's generally assumed without discussion that relationships involving 3 people aren't "serious" or "possible." Even the bisexual community, so accustomed to questioning the status quo, is often highly hesitant to disturb this remaining sacred cow of what relationships "may or may not" be. This prejudice is reinforced by ads from couples seeking "playmates for fun times." Yet there exist people who seek out the same loving tenderness and fulfilling serious relationship between 3 people as traditionally done by two. In fact, we know people who have been successfully in committed triadic relationships for years, as well as local and nationwide networks for support of this lifestyle. If you are interested in exploring joining our own quest to form a triadic relationship (described in the ad "Why Live ½ Life at a Time?") or simply network with other like-minded people, let us hear from you! PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★6543.

Why Live ½ Life at a Time?
Are you a woman who resents having to alternatively give up females and males? Explore the possibilities of a balanced, committed, loving relationship with affectionate bisexual WF, 32, and WM, 27. We are seeking an intelligent woman, not a "plaything," to aim for an eventual equal partnership in fully integrated 3-way relationship. Friendship first. Please be a playful nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions—and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance! We are enthusiastic, passionate, easygoing, enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre, interests include: hot springs, gardening, hiking, cooking, sailing, nude recreation, traveling, massage, singing, arts, dancing, erotica, science fiction, photography, theater, cafes, tropical islands, dining out. "Don't dream it—be it." PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★6544.

Long-Haired Beauty
Young bisexual male is seeking the company of a female companion to have lunch with during the day and perhaps go dancing with at night. If the chemistry is there, maybe we can be more than just friends. I'm everyday people so be yourself and we'll see what happens. Reply BT Box MR306A or call ★★6546.

Submissive
29-year-old heavy metalist with girl's haircut, killer ass, girl's legs, money, veins and brains to match seeks sexy, lean female to use strap-on dildo on him in exchange for whatever her heart desires. Axl outlaw looks with personality to match. Looking for long-term relationship. HIV-. Call ★★6547.

Dare to Make Fantasy a Living Reality
S/AF-AM/M and Bi/WF seek special Bi/F to complete triadic-mate union. Attractiveness, youthful energy, and a grounded soul appreciated. Engage us in a dialogue about this 'alternative' way to cultivate family and love and let's see if there's a fit. Reply BT Box MR307A or call ★★6548.

Bi-Male seeks Bi-Female
Blue-eyed handsome 6'4", 210 lbs., athletic 30-year-old with a moustache seeks an open, attractive female for safe mutual pleasure. Let's explore each other first and then seek other couples for group fun. I'm HIV- and I practice safely. I'm also a hell of a nice guy with a good sense of humor so don't be shy. Call me. Reply BT Box MR305A or call ★★6545.

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Mandarin Speakers
I am a beginning student studying Mandarin and would like other Mandarin speakers, beginning or advanced, to practice conversation with. Also, I will trade massage for Mandarin lessons. Please reply BT Box MR600A or call ★★6563.

Is Anyone Interested...
in forming a support or social group for lesbians who work in the criminal justice system? The form doesn't matter as much as the content—support and empathy. I suspect there are many of us all over the Bay Area who are doing this challenging work—maybe we could all get in the same room and start something? Please reply BT Box MR601A or call ★★6564.

30's Music
Good clarinet and saxophone player seeks good guitar, piano, bass players to possibly form group to do jazz/pop of 1930's: Berlin, Porter, Gershwin, Arlen, Ellington, Waller, etc. If at all interested give me a call. Reply BT Box MR602A or call ★★6565.

Spring Training
Any single women out here who would like an occasional game of tennis or bike ride along the ocean? Call ★★6566 if you're interested.

Astrology Socials for Women
Casual monthly gatherings to talk about the stars and such. If you're interested in meeting with like-minded souls, call ★★6567. Leave name and phone. Individualized charts will be provided free. Group size is limited. San Francisco location.

Water Babes
Aquatic dyke seeks surfer girls with wet suits/thick skins for boogie boarding, surfing, spashing about in the waves, etc... S.F., Stinson, Pacifica... weekdays and weekends. Reply BT Box MR603A or call ★★6568.

Hell's Hairdressers
is a loosely organized group of guys who like motorcycles (almost) as much as we like other guys. We have two rides coming up; a day ride through the Santa Cruz mountains on Saturday, March 21st, and a 5-day weekend trip to join the fun in Palm Springs over Easter. For more information write to PO Box 2921, Stanford 94309 or call ★★6569.

Gym Training Partner Wanted
Good-looking, muscular, HIV- GWM wants regular daytime gym training partner. I'm 5'7", 155 lbs. Will workout at gym of your choice in SF, Oakland or Berkeley. If mutually interested would enjoy playing occasionally or often after workouts. Must be available to workout during the day and you must have a hard muscular body. Reply BT Box MR605A or call ★★6570.

Downhill Skiers
Athletic, masc. male skier seeks same for one day or two day trips to Tahoe. Have 4-wheel drive, share expenses. Reply BT Box MR606A or call ★★6571.

Please Note: The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients, or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Uncomfortable Traveling Alone?
A small group of G/M, financially independent and with the time and desire to travel, meet monthly over dinner in a San Francisco restaurant to discuss plans, share advice, dish, and possibly find a companion to share the fun of travel while avoiding the single supplement surcharge. If you have time and money, but no companion for travel, join us for dinner and conversation. Reply BT Box MR607A or call ★★6572.

Literary Friendship
A quiet GAM, 27, non-native speaker, self-conscious about his spoken English, but in love with English literature, is seeking GM in SF Bay Area to read poetry and prose out loud to each other on an informal basis. You: advanced degrees in English would be nice; but respect and understanding for each other are more important. My favorite authors: Blake, Woodsworth, Sherwood Anderson, among others. Reply BT Box MR608A.

Chess Players
31 y.o. lesbian seeking people to play chess. Call ★★6573.

Free Accompanying or Four-Hand Piano
for advanced-level singers and instrumentalists. I'm an experienced, proficient, sensitive and nurturing pianist/coach (with a good sense of humor) who desires high-quality, enjoyable music-making, your place or mine, classical preferred, Broadway okay. Let's talk. Call ★★6574.

Albany Dykes
Albany may be small, but we think there's a bunch of dykes in town. Let's get together, and find out where we all are. Sunday pot-luck brunch being planned. Call for details. Call ★★6575.

Men Knitters
New group *(SF Cable Stichers)* forming to meet biweekly. Let's get together to knit, chew the fat, exchange ideas and make plans to start a men's design collective. Call ★★6576.

Looking for a Co-Parent or Known Donor?
A group is forming for you to meet lesbians and gay men who are seeking to get involved in a co-parent or known donor situation. It will be both a social group and discussion group where you can discuss your hopes, desires and fears of children and family. PO Box 14911, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★6577.

Alaskan Dog Mushing Fan
Former Alaska resident wants to know where he can go around here to watch coverage of the Iditarod sled dog race as it winds its way thru Unalakleet, Shaktoolik, Golovin, Safety, and onto Front Street in Nome Sweet Nome. No kidding. Anyone around here have satellite TV and can get the Alaska Rural Television Project, or know of someplace that will air Iditarod reports for the public? There's not much time before the first finishers come into Nome. Any other Sourdoughs want to know where I can go to share the experience? Me? GWM, 35, better looking since I left Alaska, easygoing, educated, longhaired, North Bay resident. I used to be a disc jockey in Nome and Bethel—just like on Northern Exposure! Quianna. Reply BT Box MR610A or call ★★6578.

Weight Training/Cross Training
Interested in lifting weights with a partner? Motivated by having someone push you further? I'm looking for someone to weight train, swim, run or pursue other athletic endeavors to improve my swimming. I'm 34, GM, master's swimmer, weightlift off and on and am looking for someone experienced in weight training/cross training or at least highly motivated. I have access to weights. Sparks an interest? Reply BT Box MR611A or call ★★6579.

San Francisco Bay Sailing
Want to go sailing on, around, and to specific places on San Francisco Bay (on a Cal 20 berthed in San Francisco)? Small monthly fee. Just for fun and relaxation. Men and women welcome. Early-early, early, mid, late and late-late sails plus an occasional overnight. How about it? Reply BT Box MR612A or call ★★6580.

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Outdoor Type Guy?
Handsome, straight-appearing white male, 31, 6'2", 165, wants to meet masculine white male, 24-38, who enjoys evening workouts, weekend bicycling, hiking and backpacking. I'm a conservative, romantic, cleancut professional, nonsmoker, positive thinker and still believe in monogamy. You should have goals, strong values and be aerobically fit. Size of equipment unimportant, kissing expertise is. Can't dance but know how to be a good friend and lover. Reply BT Box MR70A or call ★★6590.

Do You Like to Sodomize Young Guys?
Attractive GWM, 23, br/bl, slim, little hair on chest, with unclear sexual fantasies. Seeks gentle older beefy hunks. I wanna suck your cock and watch it slowly penetrate my very tight hole while I compliment your well worked muscular body out loud, till your cock bursts inside me. Men with firm muscular body and into younger boyish guys only. Reply BT Box MR71A or call ★★6591.

Seeking Asian or Latin
Who is attractive with nice body, good looks and happy disposition, under 35. I am GWM professional, 43, very attractive, 5'8½", hunky 165 lbs., br/br, moustache. Enjoy ethnic food, theater, international pop charts. If you love to kiss, snuggle and create romance, so do I. If you enjoy massage and passion and feeling good about yourself, call/write soon! Intelligent men encouraged to reply. Reply BT Box MR72A or call ★★6592.

Well-Known Older Writer
Literary Dad seeks student/professional 18-35, any height, race, color, cut/uncut, hung/unhung, smooth/hairy. Hairy legs/ass or muscular a+. Also education, charm, warmth, candor. No smoking/substance abuse. I'm short, Caucasian, thick black-gray body hair, balding, hung thick, HIV-, rugged, aging good looks (mini Sean Connery type). Sex without risk. Relationship? Box 263, 537 Jones, SF 94102 or call ★★6593.

Nobody's Perfect
Dominant mature guy seeks pretty preppie, lovely Latin, attractive Asian, mini-macho or other small cute guy with great legs for naughty school girl fantasy fun. Enjoy cross-dressing, role-playing, spanking, bondage, massage, striptease, etc. I am 6 ft., 165 lbs., fair complexion & dark blue eyes. I have an extensive collection of sexy shorts, skirts, panties, etc. Please call. Reply BT Box MR74A or call ★★6594.

Mutual Trussed
BiWM, 42, 5'8", fit 137 lb. seeks fit, intelligent, sweet, hairy man for reciprocal bondage play. I have handcuffs, chain, rope, etc. and experience. You may be experienced or just eager to learn. If superficial beauty, style of dress, or dick size are issues for you, then go away. Otherwise, call. Call ★★6595.

Cute But Very Shy
GWM, 30, 5'4", 120 lbs., blond/hazel eyes and hairy chest seeks GWM-GLM, 21-31, HIV-, for relationship. I'm very open-minded and enjoy experiencing new places and things with the right man, so if you want to get to know me better write PO Box 208, Pinole 94564 or call ★★6596.

Whatcha Got in Mind...
Into one nighters? Those wham, bam, thank you man type situations? Well, if so, go on to the next ad because that's not what I'm looking for. I'm a GAM, 21, 5'7", 160, seeking friends that are not scared of dating and seeing what just might develop (hopefully a relationship). All I ask is that you are a GM, 18-30, HIV-, fun, easy-going, enjoys "going out" and doing "various" things. Write if you can't call! Thanks! Reply BT Box MR76A or call ★★6597.

Husky Dad
Masculine, good-looking, bearded, HIV-, straight-acting, sports-minded dad looking for same or hairy cubs to cuddle. Facial photo (returned) and phone number gets fast response. PO Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★6598.

I Like Boyish Types
Either in age (20-40), height (under 6'), outlook (optimistic) or charm. Prefer slim, versatile, attractive, Caucasian, cut, nonsmoker in SF, easygoing w/sense of humor for fun times, possible relationship, dinner, movies, nite-clubbing, weekend excursions, etc. I'm GWM, 35, 5'9", 150, dark blond, blue eyes, HIV-, interests include music, art, photo, food, camping, aerobics, travel. Photo appreciated & returned. Reply BT Box MR77A or call ★★6599.

Monogamous Relationship
GWM NS HIV-, 58. Nautilus trim. Excellent physical condition. Post-grad, stable, successful. Enjoy mountain biking, hiking, travel, classical music, entertaining friends at home. Seek masculine, stable, successful, trim, HIV- GWM/GAM. Goal is long-term monogamous relationship. Reply BT Box MR78A or call ★★6600.

Sonoma County
Handsome, 50, 6'2", 185#, grayish hair with tail. Outgoing, warm, fun to be with, MFCC-intern, masseur, politically left, environmentally conscious, vegetarian. Likes: bike riding, tennis, hiking, camping, fun with friends, good communication and personal growth. Do we like each other comes before sex (dating). I'm serious and have a great sense of humor. Looking for someone around my age and vicinity. Prefer letter: PO Box 2204, Santa Rosa 95405 or call ★★6601.

Calling All Hunks
You want a buddy & I do, too. East Bay bodybuilder, 45, solidly built, trim, seeks East Bay guy, also solid, to kick back with, watch TV, and let our wandering fingers roam. I'm short, blond but balding, friendly, professional, aware, basically blue collar values, love good food, wine, simple pleasures. Most people don't know I'm queer, although I'm not closeted; want you to be masculine, too. Reply BT Box MR79A or call ★★6602.

Relationship Sought
By a nice-looking, easy-going, masculine, HIV-Black male, 29, 5'7", 150 lbs. I enjoy travelling, camping, the movies, theater, video, music, reading, cooking, quiet nights at home, walks along the beach, weightlifting, etc. We're both honest, sincere, able to communicate our feel-

ings and most importantly not afraid to admit when we're wrong. Will respond to all serious replies regardless of age or race. Scott, Box 28641, Oakland 94604. Photo? Call ★★6603.

Smart and Built, With Bravado

Squared hard stomach, busy stories, imagination. Aerobic, lean, HIV-. Same sought by GWM, 47, buckaroo, vegetarian, feel 29, quick to grin. Objective: pelvic reckoning, mindful banter, frolic, perhaps the coincidence of friendship, but don't bet on it. Reply BT Box MR80A or call ★★6604.

Musical Soulmate

Refined, caring, pianist/accompanist/singer-coach, college teacher, INFP/artist-type seeks commitment-oriented lifemate who can reciprocate high ideals. Important: friendship first, HIV-, humor, interpersonal growth, awareness, intuitiveness, inner beauty, altruism, devotion, health, traditional values, integrity, love of self/others, nature/animals/beauty, philosophical, communicative, intensity. GWM, 44, 5'7", 120. Call ★★6605.

Easy-Going

Attractive, 38, 5'7", 150 lbs., dark brown hair, moustache & eyes. Love to dance, go to movies, small weekend trips, and lots of cuddling & kissing. I'm sincere, honest & refuse to play games. I like to take things slow. If you're 25-35 and attracted to this ad, send letter & photo. Reply BT Box MR81A or call ★★6606.

Let's Play Tag

I've gotten too good at doing things alone. So, I think it's time for some one-on-one action. I'm ready to gain knowledge of the give and take that defines a relationship. This 31 y.o., 5'7", 150# GWM is tired of "fighting vainly the old ennui." So, how about it, are you open to helping me experience an emotional, spiritual and sexual relationship? If so, give me a call. Reply BT Box MR82A or call ★★6607.

Spouse Material

Athletic, 46 y.o. GWM, professional, quiet, straight-appearing, seeks another man with a strong body and soul who is open to sharing his life in a relationship. Your interests go beyond yourself and hard dicks. You have "people" values. I am 165#, 6', balding, HIV-, down-to-earth but spiritual, affectionate. Not into top/bottom scenes. Not a smoker or a user. Interested? Please reply BT Box MR83A or call ★★6608.

Happy Trails

Like Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, we'll ride into the sunset together, but on my tandem instead of horses. I'm an East Bay gay dad (part time), intelligent, sensitive, HIV-, NS, good-looking, aerobic and intimate. I've got a rewarding career, great homelife, numerous interests and an open mind for adventure. If you are fit, fun and easy-going, let's team up and ride through life together. Reply BT Box MR84A or call ★★6609.

Is There Life After 40?

In the gay world, I mean. Cultivated guy, mid-40s, has no taste for bars or gyms any more and, therefore, finds it difficult to meet men, especially younger men (20s, 30s). But there must be someone to enjoy architectural walks with, not to mention concerts at Davies and long exploratory conversations. I'm 5'10", salt & pepper, medium build. You, I hope, are kind, slender and curious about everything. It helps if you live in SF. I would love to hear from you. Please call ★★6610.

27/6'/175/Grn/Brn

An inscription caresses you with language, sets off the fantasy of border crossing. You and I would test this line with physical, emotional and intellectual intensity; speaking each other's language, we could create a sense of connectedness, even belief. Appreciation of beauty, however, cannot be felt without respect for difference. Communicate your beauty, unafraid of my translation on this side, with a letter and photo. Reply BT Box MR85A or call ★★6611.

Major Undiscovered Find!!

Absolutely amazing! How this good-looking, smart, funny and modest 41-year-old hunk has not been snapped up by now is beyond the understanding and scope of medical science and metaphysical disciplines. Perhaps a 28—42-year-old handsome, fun-loving, romantic man who likes to walk, cuddle and otherwise enjoy life will be able to solve this mind-numbing riddle. Don't wait—this opportunity will not, I repeat Not, last for long. Reply BT Box MR86A or call ★★6612.

Spring Flings, Summer Lovers

Me: 5'8", 25, 145, GWM, long-haired with a brain, arrogant lion/affectionate kitten, well-built—not manufactured, intense, brutally honest, hip nonconformist, lonely kid, streetsmart and healing, loving sun-spirit. You: stable—not boring, communicative and youthful, affectionate, smooth, warm, under 30 and handsome, cute or sexy. Latin or blond a plus. Us: casual dating, sleeping over, sex, or romance. Any/all possible if we fit. Call ★★6613.

You'll Walk That Fine Line...

Dancing excitedly on the edge. If you're eager to savor the delights of bondage/discipline, control/authority games, training scenarios, vulnerability, tickling, spanking, slavery and intimate outdoor weekends with a hot, handsome, husky, creative and truly masterful 33 y.o. man, you deserve to reply. My strict standards are high: honesty, respect, trustworthiness, communication, versatility, talent and attractiveness. If it's right, we'll never forget it. Reply BT Box MR88A or call ★★6614.

Queer As I Can Be

GAM, 25 yrs., 5'8", 165 lbs., soft, light skin, dk. hair & eyes, very effeminate, witty. I need a lover who can tolerate my queerness, dominate me, to tell me what to do, possess me as his own. In return, you get an oriental treasure (moi) my love, affection. Is that too much to ask? Preferably Caucasian, tall, 25 up and butch. Reply BT Box MR89A or call ★★6615.

Va Va Va Voom!

Good-looking GWM, masculine, seeks other GWM to share good times with. Member of N.A. I'm 5'11", 180 lbs., short brown hair, blue eyes, moustache and very energetic. Let's go on a date and see how our chemistry mixes. Reply BT Box MR90A or call ★★6616.

Handsome, Muscular Italian

GWM, 34, 6'2", 175 lbs., into fitness, travel, romance and quiet times. Extremely well endowed seeks another HIV- very well-hung man with similar interests for monogamous relationship. Send photo/phone. Reply BT Box MR91A or call ★★6617.

I'm Tall, Slender and Affectionate

You are a handsome, very masculine, aggressive man, 26-39. We both enjoy hiking, weekend trips, intimacy and are open to a monogamous relationship. We are also HIV-, nonsmokers and light drinkers. Sound good? Then this somewhat shy, 32-year-old GWM who is 6'2", 175, with light brown hair, moustache, short beard and blue eyes wants to hear from you! PO Box 51113, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★6618.

Straight Guy?

32 yr. white professional, very handsome guy with good build wants ongoing, noncommitted, fun relationship. You: GWM, handsome manboy with hard, muscular butt who likes to kick back and have your ass eaten by a handsome hunk. 20-40 yr., HIV- Commitment not as important as honesty. Reply BT Box MR92A or call ★★6619.

Sweetheart Wanted—Tired of Sleeping Alone

Relationship-oriented GWM, 36, 5'11", 145, quiet, gentle, shy, seeking thin/skinny GAM-GWM-GLM under 38, HIV-, for romance, affection, cuddling, companionship (no kinky/anal). Enjoy tennis, biking, garage sales, beaches/parks, camping, music (play keyboard), TV/VCR movies, board/card games, quiet nights together. Rob, PO Box 1041, Alameda 94501 or call ★★6620.

Hugs and Kisses Come First

My arms hold what the world lacks. Lonely, shy, honest, sincere bear seeks a cub for extended and regular periods of lovemaking. Relationship-oriented. Once won't be enough. Me: attractive GWM, 40, 6'5", 200 lbs. Top. You: attractive GWM, 21-35, bottom with slim build. Looking for affectionate individuals who are looking for more than an orgasm. Call now for details. Reply BT Box MR93A or call ★★6621.

Talk That Talk

GWM wants to hear from all vocal, imaginative, Black males—dominant or daddy types preferred—for climactic phone sessions. Novices OK. Leave message on how/when to contact you. Reply BT Box MR94A or call ★★6622.

Queerboy in a Quandary

I moved out of the city to be closer to my job, only to find myself marooned in Mountain View. Where are all of you Santa Clara County fags? I am a cute, smart and friendly Q/GWM, 22, 6'1", 160, rdsh-blond/grn, looking for new friends near my new home. My interests include running, working out, reading, music and having fun. If you have similar/compatible interests, are open-minded, fun-loving and 18-37, call me. Reply BT Box MR95A or call ★★6623.

Coming Attractions

I'm the mysterious boy you follow into the Casbah. You may desert the Foreign Legion for me. Cecil B. DeMille wants to direct. We are decently built, reasonably handsome men. I'm HIV+, healthy; you're healthy-whatever non-smoker. I'm lightly bearded, 32 y.o., practical in life but wild at heart. You might rip my night shirt off me because my eyes told you to. I yield to safe, passionate sex. Send your script ideas and photo to BT Box MR96A or call ★★6624.

Bold Lettering

You scan the big picture, stopping at the details that amaze and delight you just long enough to make them your own... I have what some would call a bad attitude. You not only understand this, you also see the beauty and logic behind it. The way you apply your subtle mind to that trash TV you sometimes watch makes it almost like watching a Jane Campion or Hal Hartley movie. I get crushes easily, but I'm selective, so you should be cute/handsome enough to sustain me for more than 45 min.... But if 45 min. is all we get, might as well make the best of it. Reply BT Box MR97A.

Leather Dad Seeks Boy

Experienced leather daddy seeks boy to train to please me—permanent position. Boy must be oral and eager to learn. Daddy rewards you when good/punishes when needed. This is an emotional and physical commitment that requires your mind, body and spirit. Daddy will teach and train you to please and make this real man proud of you, through bondage, wax, shaving and anything your daddy desires of you. Reply BT Box MR98A or call ★★6625.

Witty, Educated, Passionate

GWM, 37, 5'10", 185#, curly brown hair & boyish charm. Looking for GWM who's also into kissing, cuddling & non-stop friendly sex. I'm well-hung & like to be on top. Great sense of humor & libido won't quit! Desire partner, 30-50, with medium build to stocky. Average looking guys a plus! HIV-. Reply BT Box MR99A or call ★★6626.

Men in 40s and 50s

Men sought for regular sexual meetings by single man in 40s who works out six days, is medium size and appreciates virile, mature and also muscular partners (hairy and balding a plus). If you can enjoy an entire afternoon or evening of sensuality and also appreciate mature men, then let's get together soon. Reply BT Box MR100A or call ★★6627.

Lone Wolf

GWM, 49, 5'11", 190, HIV+, bald, full beard, good-looking, ex-farm boy, intelligent, educated, cultured, well-travelled, stable, fun-loving, all around nice guy. I'm top/versatile, social drinker/toker. I'm verbal, imaginative, hot in bed. Seeking buddies for friendship, good times, sex. You are my size or smaller, open, honest, good natured, communicative. No FF, crystal. Letter with picture. Reply BT Box MR101A or call ★★6628.

German-Italian Still Looking for Latin

I have met some nice & interesting people, but just not that special one. Still looking for someone to hang out with & go to the beach with me & my dog "Fred." Enjoy going dancing occasionally. Love to party (not too often). Love to just hang out & relax. Like TV, music, maybe a movie. Enjoy getting out of the city once in a while. Like to ride my motorcycle in the warm weather. Enjoy someone who is independent and stable. Myself—firm, 5'9", 165 lbs., looking for someone firm and in good shape. Prefer someone more manly than feminine. Reply BT Box MR102A or call ★★6629.

Masculine, Monogamous,

Me: 6'2", 37 yrs., 185 lbs., brown curly hair, handsome firefighter, blue/green eyes, tan complexion. I am a friendly, outgoing, straightforward kind of guy. Sexually I am a romantic top. Like everyone else, I like movies, dining out, etc. My real passions are jogging and outdoor sports. You: GWM, cute, boyish, masculine looking, 28-38 y.o., yet mature acting. Financially secure. Must have good sense of humor, honest, open and sincere. Height & weight in proportion. No drugs or alcohol. Photo required/returned. Reply BT Box MR103A or call ★★6630.

GLM in LA Wants Friends in SF

Cute, smooth GLM, 27 y.o., 5'6", 129 lbs., wants to meet cute white guys, no moustache, under 25, with a good heart. I like to meet quality guys that I can visit in SF and who would like to visit me in LA. Write: Boxholder, 10714 Woodbine, #2, LA 90034. Send a photo if possible!

Gay Nudist Lovers!

Let's go frolic in nature and at the beach getting to know each other along the way! I'm 6', 170#, 41, GWM, HIV-, NS, and in great shape. You're like-minded, 25-45, and great fun. Get out the sunscreen because I'm ready for that new sun tan! Call ★★6631.

Hibernating Bear

WM, 46, hairy, beefy bear is looking to meet a short, husky, bear cub to stay inside and play with. I'm masculine, sincere, fun-loving, sexually versatile. Please send photo if poss. and phone #. PO Box 1714, Daly City 94014 or call ★★6632.

Anti-Oedipus? You Bet

Mild-mannered nerdnik who digs contemporary critical theory and punk rock seeks an older (30+) friend for buck-naked semiotics and occasional dinner or movie. I'm 25, probably not too bad looking but most definitely nice. Sweet, even. Ideally you will have dark eyes, a beard or something close and be kind of hairy although I don't want to be too shallow about this whole thing. It's brains that do it for me. Honest. So write to me being sure to enclose a photo of some kind and let's get this awkward stuff over with as soon as possible, okay? Reply BT Box MR104A or call ★★6633.

Me and You

Me: 27 y.o. GWM, HIV-, nonsmoker, 5'7", 140 lbs., cute face, big dick, top. Looking for friendship and hot, safe sex, not a relationship. Interests include movies, history, travel, science fiction. You: any race, also HIV- and nonsmoker, age 22-35, bottom, friendly and outgoing. Gay-acting and -appearing welcome. Photo (a must) and letter please to: 537 Jones St., #1623, SF 94102 or call ★★6634.

Daddy's Boy Wanted

Daddy is GWM, 48, 5'7", 135 lbs., brown hair and eyes, hairy, moustache, NS. You: under 35, bottom, passive, submissive, affectionate, NS, cuddly, healthy, stable, responsible, drug-free. If you are smooth to hairy, punk to cleancut, leather to GQ, slender to muscular, effeminate to butch, stupid to brilliant, daddy will still love his little boy. Call ★★6635.

Strong and Sturdy

Strong and sturdy country guy, 34, 5'11", 185, wanting a good, true man to share adventures with. All races, foreign tongues, and sizes. I want to travel the world over; taking it all in, hoping you want the same. Painter, waiter, massage therapist... Your letter and photo gets mine. PO Box 442, Mendocino 95460 or call ★★6636.

"Honeymoon Was Such Delight,

We got married that same night." Or maybe not, but first date sex is mandated, OK? If you're not a total cretin with a mind furnished by Mattel, read on. I'm GWM, 40s, 5'9½", 160, Nordic blond, educated, HIV+, smoker, healthy, oral, great kisser, seeking 25-40ish, bright, cheerful, romantic, groomed, creative man. Let's start our fire in the bedroom and move to the fireplace later. Some days. Call ★★6637.

I Like to Watch, Then Participate

BM, safesex top, uncut, and well-endowed, 40 y.o., smoker, 200 lbs., I'm heavily into voyeurism, here in San Francisco. I enjoy group sex, leather, community activism, movies, cartoons, comedy and XXX-adult films, gay & bi alike. Looking for fun-loving, adventurous, liberal-minded couples and/or groups, bis are welcomed too. But only in San Francisco on weekends. Out of towners visiting SF please respond. No single men, drug users or heavy drinkers or S&M. Reply BT Box MR105A or call ★★6638.

White Top Seeks Black Bottom

X-clean, healthy, 6'2", 220#, blue-eyed blond man seeks light-medium Black man, 25-45, for sex buddy, friend and many good times. Must not be involved with anyone and uncut. Write w/picture & phone # to: C.R., 751 Laurel Ave., #428, San Carlos 94070 or call ★★6639.

Quality Guy

GWM, 32, 5'10", 155, HIV- Attractive, intelligent, warm, successful, outgoing. Seeks good-looking, clean-cut, masculine, together counterpart with vibrant mind and honest, loving heart who, like me, lives life with passion. Let's share wild times, quiet times, conversation, the outdoors, fast cars, sunshine, travel, sports, restaurants, books and movies, country and city living. Prefer friendship and romance to smoky bars, gay small talk, hard drugs, cults, new age crap and moral majority values? Send descriptive letter, photo to: PO Box 472133, SF 94147 or call ★★6640.

BiWM, 33, All the Right Stuff:

Tall, handsome, witty, sweet, successful, stable, HIV-, no bad habits. Single, but stuck in long-term relationship with woman due to fear of AIDS. I'm straight-looking, and like music, photography, hi-tech stuff. Seeking cute guy, my age or younger, who is good-natured, understanding, and wants a long-term, caring relationship—but doesn't mind starting as my part-time lover. I'm a gentle, enthusiastic, mostly-top; looking for an eager, fairly smooth, bottom. No experience necessary—married, TV or impotent OK. You must be HIV- (and willing to prove it!), sincere and discreet. Reply BT Box MR106A or call ★★6641.

Unique & Handsome Male

Sought by this good-looking, youthful, energetic, professional, 5'11", blue/brn, HIV-, athletic GWM. Seeking a masculine, fun-loving, sensitive, honest, mature, HIV-, health-conscious, non-smoking, drug-free, intellectually stimulating GM with a well-proportioned body. A man who enjoys physical and emotional closeness, passionate sex, outdoor adventures, cultural amenities, travel. Send letter, photo & phone no. Reply BT Box MR107A or call ★★6642.

Squirt Gun

Handsome Sicilian with squirt gun seeks youthful cleanshaven boys with erector sets. All I require is a cute smile, face and body. Reply BT Box MR108A or call ★★6643.

Handsome East Bay Professional

Intelligent, well-educated, masculine, recently divorced GWM with clean-cut, boy-next-door good looks and a swimmer's body (5'10", 140#, looks mid-30s, br/bl, hairy chest, nicely hung, HIV-) is looking for a long-term romantic, monogamous relationship with a similar GWM. I'm your normal, friendly, "nice guy" type with a challenging career that I love and interests in weightlifting, skiing, music (especially classical), art, science, movies, good food, romance and hot sex (versatile). You should be similar physically (masculine, young-looking, well-built, HIV-, 30-45—smooth, cleanshaven and/or hung pluses) and compatible in outlook and lifestyle (romantic, versatile, open, happy, intelligent, honest, mature, sincere and secure). Send letter and photo (important; returned) to 131 Berkeley Square, #344, Berkeley 94704.

Is It You?

I'm looking, quite simply, for someone to be a partner through life. Life includes hot sex, grocery shopping, arguing over which movie to see, sleeping next to each other, creating a home together, our families and friends, sharing intimate moments, learning to live with each other's faults, and being best friends. I'm WM, 35, 5'10", 175#, HIV-, trim beard, brown/hazel. Let our hearts meet and let them decide. Reply BT Box MR109A or call ★★6644.

Slim Younger Brother Wanted

Sincere GWM, young for 42, trim, 6'2", 175 lbs., cleanshaven, blue eyes, healthy (HIV-), non-smoker, warm-hearted, good listener, seeks slim to skinny, somewhat boyish-looking brother, boyfriend, possible lover, 19-35, any race. Interested in any combination of the following? Hugging, communication, massage, eating out, movies, cuddling, swimming, meditation, Asian culture, Spanish, mild spanking. Plus if you exercise, don't like bars, shorter than me, nonhairy body. Call ★★6645.

A Balanced Life Together

Handsome prof. GWM, light brown hair, blue/green eyes, 5'11", 155 lbs., clean-cut, boy-next-door good looks (not a small accomplishment for mid-40s) wants to meet equally youthful but mature GWM to permanently share bed and breakfast. Please answer if you want a monogamous relationship with a balance of outdoor, cultural and home oriented activities. Do you value financial stability, a good sense of humor, sensitivity, honesty and being comfortable with the gentle aspects of your personality? Are you active, health conscious, enjoy the fine arts, travel, reading, animals and keeping current on the ways of the world? Hopefully, you'll also have a slim to average build, average or proportioned endowment and be an HIV-nonsmoker like me. I'm a comfortable and affectionate lover who is happy sharing the responsibilities of lovemaking. Photo appreciated and returned with mine. Reply BT Box MR110A or call ★★6646.

Affectionate Asian Wanted

By GWM, 29, 5'7", 150#, with a nice body. I am looking for a loving and caring Asian who is relationship-oriented. My interests include reading, traveling, academics, dining and working out. I prefer men who are like myself, sincere, masculine and looking for more than just a one night stand. Send letter and photo. Reply BT Box MR111A or call ★★6647.

Raunchy & Kinky

Latino/Ital. GM, 36, 145 lbs., 6', moust. & dk curly hair. Like to meet others into armpits, spit, rear fr., sweat and other safe, raunchy scenes. Prefer men larger (in build & weight) than myself, around my age or older. Hairy, beard, moust., cigar smoker a+ but not necessary. Must be HIV- like myself. Not into S&M, pain, leather, drugs or heavy drinking. I also like "regular" sex like hugging, kissing, etc. If writing, facial photo appreciated but not necessary. Reply BT Box MR112A or call ★★6648.

Black Chubby Needs to Be Wanted

But doesn't want to be needed. If you understand this, read on! GBM, 32, 320 lbs., 5'8", HIV-, G/P, FA/P, fun-loving, gregarious, former "Big Ad" centerfold, seeking affectionate, intelligent, masculine, gregarious, humorous GLM or GWM, reciprocal, HIV-, top, 30-45, wt. proportion to height (sort of) to form relationship ranging from friendly sex buddies to lovers. Hairy, hung a+. Photos exchanged. Reply BT Box MR113A or call ★★6649.

Skip Ahead for Long Walks on the Beach

Handsome, trim, GWM, 36, 5'10", 145#, HIV-, seeking men 30-45 for romance, fun, good conversation and passionate sex. I enjoy running, working out, movies, theater, books, art, ethnic food, exotic travel and schmoozing about all of the above in neighborhood cafes. I'm wary of "instant" intimacy, but a genuine emotional connection is worth the wait. Reply BT Box MR114A or call ★★6650.

Cute, Short and Nasty

Want someone romantic and slightly nasty in one package? That's me—romantic at heart, but adventurous/semi-sleazy in bed (or wherever we choose to "do it"). Monday thru Friday I BART it from the Contra Costa 'burbs to my Financial District job. Afterwards, I like to put my basically bottom skills to work. I'm 26, 5'6", 125#, HIV-, dark brown hair/green eyes, very cute with hairy legs/tight furry butt. Interests: sports, travel, weekend getaways and more. My "types": sports-minded, college-educated, funny, witty, fit, nonsmoker, non-Republican, HIV-. Special turn-ons: hairy, dark, men of color, goatees, cute smiles, cut cocks. I'm a catch and so are you. Interested? Reply BT Box MR115A or call ★★6651.

Hot HIV+ Italian

Extremely attractive, sexy guy, 32, 5'9", 150 lbs., with a lean muscular body, seeks hot-looking, muscular, sexually versatile, non-game playing guys for hot times. Visiting SF from NJ last week in March. Let's just enjoy one another! If writing, your photo a must! R, PO Box 605, Maplewood, NJ 07040 or call ★★6652.

Trix Are For Kids

Grown up, 26 y.o., educated, good-looking guy with a great sense of humor, seeks a health-

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oriented GM who is interested in dating, friendship and possible relationship. Working out 4-5 times a week keeps me in great shape. I'm 6′, clean-cut, cleanshaven, Latin/Asian and lean. I like clean-cut guys with short hair between the ages of 20 and 35 who are also in good shape. Reply BT Box MR116A or call ★★6653.

Against the Grain

32 years, good-looking, looking for 25-32-year-old guy. Have a twisted sense of humor & unorthodox take on life. Music is my hard core passion. I love rock 'n' roll (50s-90s), blues, country, reggae & Irish. I'm devoted listener to alternative/college radio. My "career" is graphic arts; I'm just getting my feet wet on the Mac. Enjoy film, dancing, working out & hot sex. Hope to hear from you. Reply BT Box MR117A or call ★★6654.

Hang This Pain-Boy

On your wall. Arrogant artist type sought for framing of 5′11″, 195, HIV-, hairy, 38-yr.-old, ready & willing to serve in all ways. Tho' frequently expected to give orders, this masc. man seeks your commanding presence, sir! I'm professional by day, servant by night. Enjoy biking, swimming, politics, films, world-traveling & being used. D.V., 5 Town & Country Village, Box 728, San Jose 95128.

Handsome 33-Year-Old Bear

Passionate, emotional, communicative, mature, playful GWM with dark thinning hair (brown) and beard, 190 lbs., 5′10″, into cuddling, theater, acting, massage, skiing, square dancing, photography & romance, seeks slender/trim man, any culture, between 25 and 35, who is open, direct, self-aware, and enjoys spending time together, film, flowers, cats, dinners, backgammon, burritos, holding hands, traveling, hot tubs & spontaneity. Reply BT Box MR118A or call ★★6655.

Monterey Area Nudist

40, WM, 6′, 160, brn/hazel, average build, seeks other male nudists for social, recreational activities. Nonsexual—friendship only. Prefer mid-40s or younger—high school, college students welcome. Pen pals welcome. Nudist group forming. Also seeking individuals with self-contained motor home who would be interested in clothing optional living situation on 100 acres, private, secluded, very rustic, private property. Contact Box 0406-BT, Gonzales CA 93926-0406 or call ★★6656.

Smooth Bay Area Boy

GAM, 29, 135 lbs., looking to meet a few cute, clean-cut, intelligent boys (GWM 18-30), easy-going and open-minded. I'm handsome (honest), healthy, HIV-, smooth body, active and sometimes very horny. Like dancing, movies, tennis, outdoors. Enjoy clean, safe-sex, one on one encounters. All passionate/horny boys next door encouraged to respond. Pluses if you are students/submissive type. Let's get together and have fun. Reply BT Box MR119A or call ★★6657.

Bucking Bronco

Looking for the ride of your life. If you're wild at heart and enjoy the great outdoors, maybe this cub's for you. I'm 28 years old, 5′10″, hairy and have wild green eyes. I'm fit and enjoy people who respect their body. Are you older, taller, good-looking (remember, beauty is in the eyes of the beholder)? If it's right, let me behold the masculine man that you are. Reply BT Box MR120A or call ★★6658.

Extroverted and Smart

GWM professional would like to meet cleanshaven HIV- male for fun and possible ongoing relationship. I'm sexually versatile, HIV-, masculine who enjoys travel, biking, quiet evenings and romance. I'd like someone younger than me (I'm 53, 5′8″, 155 lbs.) who doesn't smoke or use drugs. I'm gym-toned as well as brain-toned. Your picture gets mine. PO Box 471552, SF 94147 or call ★★6659.

Handsome Wallflower

F1 hybrid, thirtysomething, genus Gaysian (Chinese) of medium height with slim, ultra-smooth branches, seeks companion/border plants, preferably white potatoes. Responds well to fertilizer (restaurants, cooking), water (bubble baths), grooming (nice clothes), sun (sunbathing, running), music (classical, opera, '50s/'60s rock and roll), pollination (safe, versatile, you're top-pish), greenhouse environment (own condo in Pacific Heights, SF). Certified disease free (HIV-). What kind of plant are you? Reply BT Box MR121A or call ★★6660.

Man-Hair

GWM, 37, 5′10″, 175, brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, smooth, bottom-man, seeks down-to-earth, all-American, hairy-chested, masculine, dominant, top-man for possible relationship. The more body hair the better. Sincere only. J.R., PO Box 421396, SF 94142 or call ★★6661.

Hot and Warm Cuddler

I love embracing naked flesh. GWM, 39, bald, trim, 150#, 5′6″, HIV-, seeks white/Asian/Pacific Islander/Native American with full head of hair for intense cuddling with or without J/O. Us: non-smokers, non-/light drinkers, non-druggers, cleanshaven faces, enjoy conversing in afterglow. Eclectic pluses: young-looking chunky guys; assertive small (body) guys; completely gray-haired guys. PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★6662. (English/Cantonese.)

The Pillsbury Doughboy Wants You

Mister Salty, you salted pretzel man, you! (In case you didn't get it) I'm 6′4″, 350 lbs., 36, 6+″, bearded, Italian. You are skinny (or height/weight proportioned), circumcised, 6+″ and like light-to-moderate domination. I'm not "relationship" oriented, but would like a periodic sex partner. Be prepared for safe and sane, mostly manual fun. Please be 30-50, white, brown or black. (Hayes Valley.) Don't do it alone—call! Reply BT Box MR122A or call ★★6663.

Straight From the Heart

I'm looking for a warm, easy-going man who's looking for a casual partner, to the big "R," yes I mean relationship. This attractive, 30 y.o., is a 5′8″, 160 muscular lbs. (HIV-) optimist who believes in love. My interests range from the physical (bicycling, days at the beach, intense sessions of sex, traveling, dancing) to the cerebral (the Sunday Times, crosswords, concerts, conversation) to the romantic (candlelight dinners, stargazing, cuddling). My ideal partner is masculine, 25-35, my size or larger who works out, is career-oriented, unconventional, communicative, unpretentious, and above all fun! Especially like hunky white boys from the Midwest, but am open coast to coast! If you're interested in the loving possibilities, send a letter/photo or call. I will answer all replies. Reply BT Box MR123A or call ★★6664.

Charm and Masculine Grace

Lost commodities? I think not. They do take longer to find but the payoff's worth it. Why am I telling you this? Simple. There's a man I know in Marin. Handsome, toned, forty-something, educated without losing his elemental spirit, great cook, movie fan, happiest in hiking shorts. Can slice wit without leaving toothy marks and has enough starch in his spine to deal with a wide range of personalities. Maybe yours. If you're HIV-, nonsmoker, tall, bright, hairy, lean, organized, self-esteeming and monogamously inclined, then don't pass this by. Probe gently, with intellect. Otherwise he may think you a horsetrader, for too many have sought only his physical charm and neglected to see the beauty of heart and mind behind it. Call ★★6665.

Outstanding Opportunity

To meet a mature, successful, handsome guy with many interests on the Peninsula. Age no factor, just the right chemistry. Reply BT Box MR124A or call ★★6666.

Best Toe Job in Town

Yes, you read that right. I am looking for GWM, GLM or GAM with soft, ticklish, healthy feet to lick, suck and make love to for hours at a time. Seeking ages 18-36 for this GWM, 34, br/bl, cleanshaven, good-looking man to cast pleasure on your soles. Give a call to the feather master for a ticklish situation. Reply BT Box MR125A or call ★★6667.

East Bay Blonds & Redheads!

With freckles. With musc., hairy pecs! All-American type, HIV- for dating, kissing, contests... A bit dominant. Me: 37, HIV-, smooth, solid, musc. body, 29 waist, bottomish, wire rimmed specs. Professional. Let's see who wins! I'm a romantic, die hard. Reply BT Box MR126A or call ★★6668.

Handyman Special

Warm, friendly man, with much to offer, seeks to build relationship. My construction: 6′, blue eyes, moderately hairy, 170 lbs., 39 y.o., beard, bald and buzzed head, honed, not chiseled. Things not found in my toolbox: poppers, drugs, S/M paraphernalia, cologne, piercing instruments, anal sex. Materials I like to work with: body hair, thinning bald heads, natural scents, affection, humor, art, love (the toughest to build, but the most rewarding). I'm very tactile, great with hand-tools (all metaphors intended). Let's compare blueprints. PO Box 423833, SF 94142 or call ★★6669.

East Bay Sex Buddies

GWM, 6′5″, 180 lbs., brwn hair, beard, moustache, streaked with gray. Green eyes, HIV-, seeks buddies in East Bay, especially in the Grand Lake area. Friendly (Grand Lake ACE) guy loves to kiss, cuddle and sleep close. J.O., Gr/A, Gr/P, Fr/A, Fr/P. Write to: S.P., PO Box 10966, Oakland 94610 or call ★★6670.

Advanced GM Sought

Professional GM, 29, 5′7″, 140#, insightful, sensitive and aesthetically pleasing, seeks a similar independent yet playful GM, who is comfortable with his sexuality, has liberal to moderate politics, is interested and prepared to focus on one man to begin a lifetime commitment with, and who entertains the thought of child rearing someday. Developmentally delayed GM please don't respond. Reply BT Box MR127A or call ★★6671.

Into Knish?

GWJM, 36, 5′9″, 140, HIV-, wants it all: truth, beauty, brains, passion, the whole megillah. Here's what you get: warmth, sincerity, dark good looks, bedroom eyes (incredibly long lashes), sharp body and mind, refreshingly warped sense of humor. Here's what I love: travel, theater, movies, healthy lifestyle (outdoors, bicycle, gym), languages (speak French, learning Italian), cooking (I make a drop dead cheesecake), laughter, lovemaking, expressive Jewish/Latin/Asian men (preferably 30-40). Let's exchange phone numbers (and recipes). Call ★★6672.

HIV+

WM, 44, tired of being without special HIV+ buddy. I seek an average-looking guy who feels the need to connect. My needs: you are very hairy, preferably bearded, definitely short-haired or (better) bald(ing), comfortable on Folsom (or at least the "old" Folsom; remember the Ambush?), into intense safe butt play (yours, mine, both), moderate in vices, like it stronger than "vanilla," and non-cologned. Me: 6′, 180, smooth. Call—let's talk. Call ★★6673.

You've Seen Me—

I'm that attractive GLM you've noticed but thought was unapproachable, actually I'm shy. I'm 40, 5′9″, 155 lbs., dark hair & eyes, uncut and a healthy HIV+. I'm looking to attract that special GWM whose bottom line is a committed relationship. My interests are varied, prefer the same in you. You are primarily top but playfully versatile. Let's not miss an opportunity. Your returnable photo & note will get my reply. Reply BT Box MR128A or call ★★6674.

Looking for a Sensitive, Masculine Man

I'm a cute 25 y.o., 5′6″, 140 lbs. I live in the East Bay. I love going to concerts, movies, dining out and traveling. I don't smoke, do drugs or drink except socially. I like to be held and kissed by a nice warm person. I'm looking for someone around my age or a little older, down-to-earth, but not too boring. If you're clean, safe and sane, reply. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box MR129A or call ★★6675.

Strict and Loving Dad

Good-looking GWM dad, professional, 51, 6 ft., 185, HIV-, hung, wants to date boy-men, 30-45, for possible permanent relationship. I desire a son into light to moderate S/M, being spanked, kissing, cuddling and servicing his dad. Jockey shorts and leather jackets are turn-ons. Would also want to share hiking, traveling, cultural events, etc., and to build a solid loving relationship. I'm interesting, caring, warm, strong, romantic, without drug or alcohol problems, and seek similar qualities. Reply with photo and phone to BT Box MR130A.

X-Stripper

Used to work at Nob Hill Cinema and Campus Theater. Now I lead the good clean life and have a normal job! Want to meet hot, sexy, compassionate men for good times and possible relationship. Me: I'm 35 yrs. old, 5′7″, and have an outstanding body (remember I was a stripper). If you're between the ages of 30-45 and consider yourself studly give me a call. Reply BT Box MR131A or call ★★6676.

Worship and Oral Service

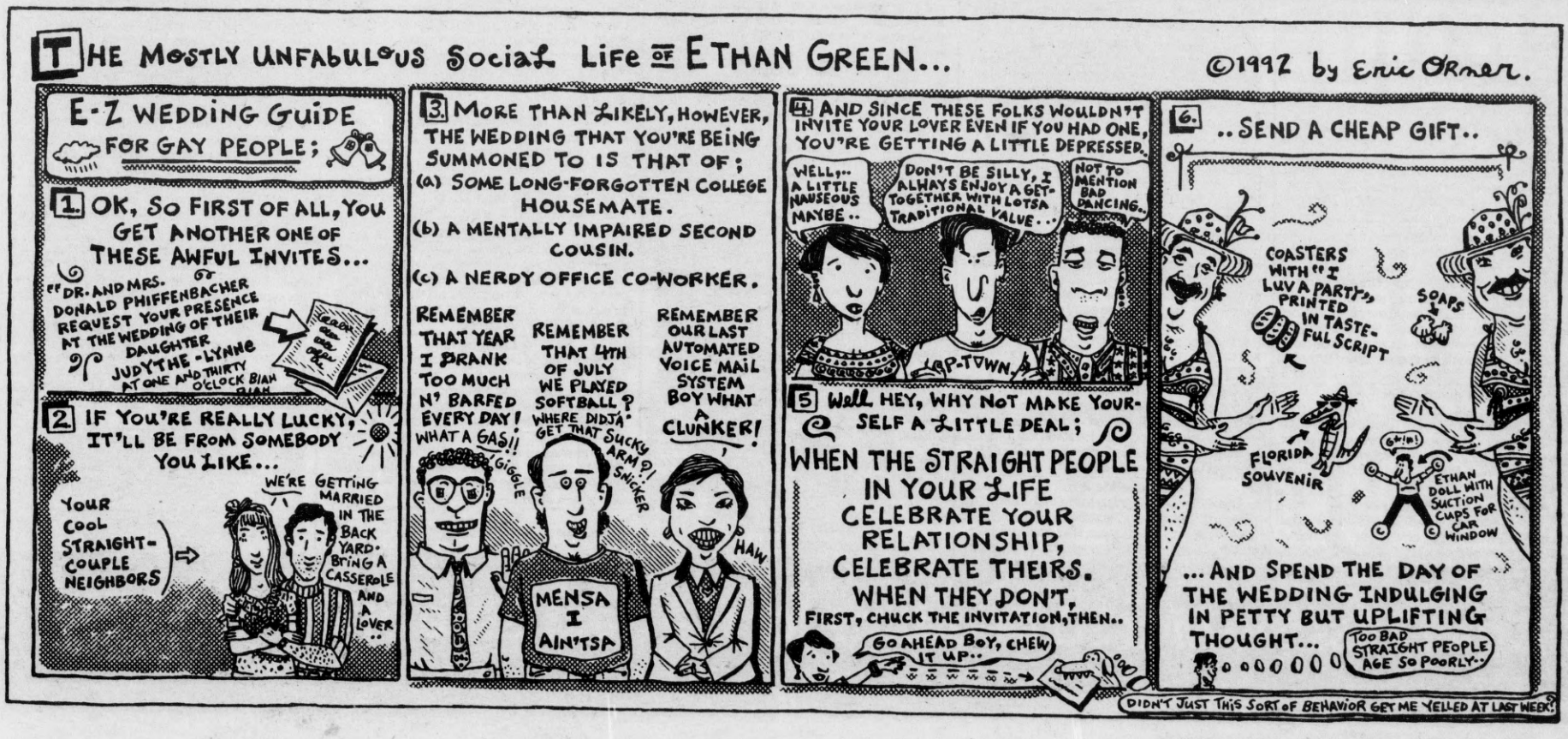
Only for arrogant, verbal, well-muscled, well-endowed god with hairy thighs—no B.S.—no chit chat—just intense, real oral service. HIV-, safe sex. Get your soxes blown off. To apply: Reply BT Box MR132A or call ★★6677.

Meet an Asian "Aries" Lately?

GAM, 44, 5′10″, 150 lbs., wants to meet younger brother, friend or lover, any race. My interests are sci-fi, eating out, wkend outings, walks, foreign languages, traveling. I am easy to please, well-balanced, caring & sensitive. I enjoy quiet moments as well as passionate loving. If you are willing to be loved & treasured for who you are & comfortable being the object of my devotion—let's meet. We could be holding each other tonight. Reply BT Box MR133A or call ★★6678.

There's One in Every Crowd

And I'm hoping there are a lot more. You're healthy, romantic, responsive, adventurous, subtly aggressive, sensitive, 30-45, with a good sense of humor. A moustache and muscular body are pluses. I'm a young 42, handsome, GWM, 5′8″, 145 lbs., with brown hair and intriguing blue eyes. I'm intelligent, masculine, healthy, a good dancer, caring, a sports fan, with a good



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sense of humor. Let's talk and see what develops. I'm looking for someone interested in a monogamous relationship. Reply BT Box MR134A or call ★★6679.

Inside Out?

Slightly ugly on the outside, beautiful on the inside, 31 GWM with big heart looking for old-fashioned love and romance in similar collegiate/clean-cut/construction worker type. I'm HIV-, kinda shy till I get used to you, mellow and easy-going. Not a bar fly, don't drink, smoke or do drugs of any kind. You should be same. Like acoustic guitar music, hiking, movies, sleeping together, large appendages, Windows 3.0, sensitivity to others. I'm a normal, well-adjusted, stable, transplanted Chicago suburbian who's most interested in men who have fairly traditional values, are monogamy minded, sexually versatile and who can walk down the street without having to cruise every guy that walks by. Call ★★6680.

Top Asian

31, 140 lbs., 5'8", who is honest, nice, gentle, lives in the East Bay, wants to meet a slender, cleanshaven, bright man of any race under 35 for friendship or possible relationship. Prefer someone who is straight-acting/appearing, my height or shorter and enjoys foreign travel, home cooking and sports. Smokers OK. Letter and photo appreciated. Reply BT Box MR135A.

"Southern Comfort"

Southern gay men looking for other gay men from the South for gentrified social outings, friendship building and genuine camaraderie. Write: Boxholder, Box 213, 109 Minna St., SF 94105. Include Southern State of the Union. Any Yankee admirers of Southern men can be part of this too.

Looking for Love?

This might be the Right Place, if you're a GWM and share values with this masculine, very hairy, balding, dominant top. We are affectionate, honest, monogamous, generous, healthy, non-smokers, not overweight, masculine, experimental, fun-loving and adventurous. I'm 44, 5'11", 160, brown eyes, brown/gray hair, cleanshaven and well-groomed. Reply BT Box MR136A. You live alone with a private place to play. How about planning a future vacation?

Live Baby Live...

24 y.o. ex-GI, 5'5", 130, blond/blue, seeks man, 30-45, for dating, etc. You should be: in shape, happy with yourself, sexy, active, non-drug user, light to non-drinker, nonsmoker and very aggressive in bed (top only!). Hairy chest a plus. Life is worth living if you are willing to live. If you feel the same, this boy is ready to meet you. Reply BT Box MR137A or call ★★6681.

Cute Short Men (Under 5'9")

Sought by a very cute Eurasian in his late 20s, short at 5'6", with a nice, extremely smooth, toned 145 lb. body (work out everyday). Would love to meet a few cute boys (under 35) who are intelligent, educated, self-confident, easy-going, athletic, healthy (HIV-) and enjoy life's adventures through a variety of interests. Have a weakness for blonds and redheads, but brunettes are also welcome. Reply BT Box MR138A or call ★★6682.

Single Bookcover

Attractive GWM, thirty-something, with a passion for books and other pleasures, seeking GM, 25-50, someone who wants to cultivate a romantic friendship, someone who would like to share quiet dinners, long walks, movies, bookstore browsing. A few of my interests are cuddling, spirituality, architecture, hiking, museums, art galleries, music and antiques. I would prefer a letter & photo or call. Reply BT Box MR139A or call ★★6683.

Music-Minded

Easy-going GWM, 29, seeks down-to-earth, sober man for friendship or more. Enjoy playing guitar and listening to all types of music, working out, jogging and talking to unpretentious people. Available most days and some evenings. Please send letter of introduction, and tell what singers and bands you enjoy most. Photo would be nice, but I'm more interested in personality. Reply BT Box MR140A.

Friendly Oral

Very talented, late 30s, 5'10", 160 lbs., trim beard, hairy, brown/green, available evenings and some days, seek sexual friendship or just hot times. Open to all types of (trim) men and also love getting head. Reply BT Box MR141A or call ★★6684.

Bear Rutting

East Bay balding bearded PWA (mild KS) bear topman, 42, 6', 170 lbs., bl. eyes/br. hair, seeks other in-shape, bearded, HIV+/ARC/AIDS bears for hot sex. I'm moderately hairy, good-looking, well-built and horny, like you. I love sucking, fucking, cuddling and mauling. Let's meet, rub our beards and bodies together, and get into some serious screwing. Your hot pic and note get mine. Write to: E.C., PO Box 10831, Oakland 94610-0831 or call ★★6685.

GWM Seeks Asian

Young attractive GWM seeks GAM under 30 for relationship. I am 5'7", blond, HIV-. I enjoy working out, eating out and many activities. I am looking to spend quality time with someone special who is serious about a relationship. Let's talk. Reply BT Box MR142A or call ★★6686.

Light Side/Dark Side

Very attractive blond, muscular, GWM, 36, 6', 180, HIV-, professional, who truly enjoys the outdoors, friends, film, meals at home, and a good laugh from the gut. Want to marry my enjoyment of intimate friendship with safe fantasy play of dominance/submission, light bondage, etc. (I like top). I am attracted to bright, muscular, hairy guys my age or younger, who can take this all with a grain of salt. Call ★★6687.

Playful, Earthy Fool for Love

47, 5'10", 170, muscular, but no Schwarzenegger, short dk. brown s&p hair, 'stache, balding, hairy, uncut, low-hangers, HIV-, nonsmoker, light drinker, affectionate, nurturing, wacky, humorous, romantic, realist, versatile, sensual masseur, mostly oral, spiritual not new age, allergic to Christians & Republicans. Archaic virtues, loves dogs, art, dance, theater, books, cinema, rock-world-jazz-classical music, seeks compatible, masculine man for conversation-dating-play-relationship? Reply BT Box MR143A or call ★★6688.

Sexy Brunette Wanted—Monog/Lover GWM

GWM, HIV+, 165 lbs., 20s, blue eyes, business student, I like: aerobics, biking, swimming, stairmaster, beaches, nice teeth, dark sexy eyes, thick dicks, that's an interesting name, theater, filming outrageous things, good films, Shannon & Luke, photography, pizza, corresponding with friends in distant places, nice hair (shorter), hate smoke, love biceps, know yourself & be honest or forget it. I love cats & dogs, "Diamonds & Pearls," roast beef sandwiches & "In Living Color." I'm versatile. Dancing's my vice. 20s-30s. Reply BT Box MR144A or call ★★6689.

Do You Like Sexy Older Men?

You are 18-40, attr., and would like to share making love with a more mature, romantic WM, 68, 5'8", 170, hairy, silver hair, nice looking and nicely endowed. I would like to be your friend, dad, master, and eventual lover. 537 Jones St., #1297, SF 94102 or call ★★6690.

Want a New Best Friend?

I own 2,500 records and tapes, do stand-up comedy, sang in a rock band, active in the community. Would be loyal, loving and ultimately monogamous. My friends say I'm good-looking, but that's why they're my friends. I can be trusted and there is tenderness behind my honesty. GWM, 42, fuzzy and hip, more Woodstock than Wall Street, like a clean and sober hippie with a haircut. Would you be mine? Reply BT Box MR145A or call ★★6691.

Wanted: Other Better Half

Black Latino, 5'11", 165 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, moustache, in good shape. Well-educated, traveled, artist. Into languages, culture and people. Weekend adventure. Quiet evening at home. Seeking for partner in life. Self-confident, honest and sincere. A gentleman who is ready and mature enough for a long lasting and meaningful relationship. I prefer Caucasian men (European) but I am open to any race. Reply BT Box MR146A or call ★★6692.

I Can't Find You

I am GWM, dk. hair & eyes, handsome, 31 y.o., 5'10", 180 lbs., with a muscled, well-built body. Naturally masculine. Look and act straight. Earthy and just a real nice guy. Intelligent, athletic and cultural. Seeking similar WM. If normally wouldn't do this then we already have something in common. Respond with brief letter and photo (returned) and help me to find you. Reply BT Box MR147A.

Banker Seeking Buddy

29 y.o. GWM, 6', 160 lbs., br/br, great smile, work out 3-4 times/wk, investment banker. Seeks GBM or GLM, 25-35 y.o., str. act./app., in-shape or thin, to run around with. Buddies first, maybe partners later. Se habla Espanol aqui. Reply BT Box MR148A or call ★★6693.

Excuse Me But...

... There is more meaning to life than sex!?! I'm constantly being bombarded with contradictions from my environment/peers. I'm seeking honest, friendly people with like interests for quality companionship. Prefer someone my age range (25-35); vulnerable, mature, grounded & capable of having fun without sex. I'm not being facetious... my (spiritual) ethics are at stake here. Write me. Reply BT Box MR149A or call ★★6694.

What About You?

Me: GWM, 36, 5'11", 155 lbs., HIV-. What about you? Me: light brown hair, blue eyes, fair-skinned, moustache, hairy chest, average looks. What about you? Me: great sense of humor, love travel, camping, hiking, photography, movies, music. What about you? Me: intelligent, creative, playful, adventurous, honest, down-to-earth. What about you? Me: fabulous kisser and cuddler, love massage and touching, JO and oral pleasures. What about you? Me: hate the thought of palm trees by the Bay, my favorite all-time movie is "Bagdad Cafe," and I swoon (well, almost) over the prospect of lying together on a sofa, legs entwined, (just) talking while caressing each other's arms. (Romantic, too!) But what about you? Me: nonsmoker, no drugs. Hopefully you too? Me: friendship or more, time with chemistry will tell. And now you know something about me. What about you? Reply BT Box MR150A or call ★★6695.

Hairy Below the Waist?

Hairy legs, ass drives me wild. I'm 39 y.o., short, 5'5", in good shape, w/e, also hairy. Like to watch, be watched, hot JO together. Any age. Reply PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361.

Hung, Horny

and hungry for hot head. Superior sucking sought. I'm healthy and happy, 5'9", 165 lbs., brown/blue, moustached, 47, very well hung. I like nature and culture, body and mind, flesh and fantasy, passion and originality. Hot licks and dirty talk. Hairy chests and dark skin are turn-ons, not requirements. Seek sexual friendship, open to more. Reply BT Box MR151A or call ★★6696.

Are You the One?

I've met some great guys through these ads. We've had shared interests, good conversation, even great sex. But there's been something missing—that undefinable chemistry, the heart connection, the energetic hit, that says, "This is the one." So it's worth another try. Are you strong and masculine but also gentle and sensitive? Love music, dance and theater? Spiritual but not living in the clouds? Intelligent, articulate and sophisticated, but also happy being playful, child-like and spontaneous? Enjoy communing with nature as well as cuddling in front of a fireplace? Live a healthy lifestyle (no smoking or hard drugs and little or no drinking) and HIV-, but sexually passionate? Comfortable being alone with yourself, but like people? Honest and open, authentic and unpretentious? Enthusiastic about life, energetic, loving, financially secure and generous of spirit? If this description fits you (please don't respond if it doesn't), then you're a lot like me. I'm 46, 6'1", 170, professional and successful. If you're in your 30s to youthful 40s, and you're looking for a quality person with whom to share your love, your passion for life, and emotional, spiritual and physical intimacy, please write or call. Reply BT Box MR152A or call ★★6697.

I Want to Lick

You all over and then give you a superb BJ. Days. Your place. I am 36, fit, good-looking, HIV-. You are fit, Black or extremely hairy all over (any race). Will consider very muscular. Dick size not important. Am very hungry and have taken up to five loads in one session. Ever been tied up and sucked all over? Reply BT Box MR153A or call ★★6698.

Asian Enthusiasm

GAM, 31 y.o., 5'8", 150 lbs., professional, honest, shy, humorous, knowledgeable, open-minded, good-looking and nonsmoker/drinker. Looking for Asian/GWM, 25-38 y.o., for friendship or a relationship if possible. Enjoy the outdoors, weightlifting, talking, cooking and much more. Please write to: HP, PO Box 2009, Santa Clara 95055 or call ★★6699. I'll answer all responses.

One More Time

Couple looking for other couples or singles for safe play. We've been together four years and want to try mixing it up with others. Both very attractive and in shape. You should be also. One, 6'3", 185, br., moustache, hairy; other, 6'1", 175, br, cleanshaven. You should be safe, good-looking and in shape. Send photo and phone to BT Box MR154A for fastest reply or call ★★6700.

Quality for Quality

WM, 41, career professional, 5'8", 162 lbs., blond/brown, moustache, considered attractive. Qualities include: stable, secure, communicative, genuine, fun-loving, easy-going, independent, adventurous. Interests include: good friends, theater, dining out, good conversation, traveling, movies, new adventures, enjoying life. Seeking a quality man to date, and explore possibilities with. I tend to be attracted to Asian, Latin, African-American or dark-haired (toppish!) men, who are my age or younger, who seek a quality man to date. An ad can never convey it all so let's communicate, meet and hopefully date. Reply BT Box MR155A or call ★★6701.

Be Careful, I'm a Virgin...

To personal ads. GWM, 28, br/gr, 6', 195#, Midwesterner. Warm person with friendly sense of humor sought for friendship/relationship. Interests include: fine cooking, good conversation, romantic walks and spontaneous good times. Call ★★6702.

Why Am I Still Single

... if I'm such a great guy? I shower daily, feed the cat, pay the rent on time. I'm well-groomed, at least decent looking, upbeat, upscale, educated professional, ready for commitment to a slightly younger, 25-40 (?), bright, cheerful, well-packaged man. I'm 40-something, 5'9", blond, 158, smoker, HIV+, healthy, versatile, oral, great kisser. Tired of coffee dates. Let's make love first and get acquainted on the pillows. Call ★★6703.

Looking for Romance

Plain old-fashioned romance—walks anywhere, hand holding, hugging, kissing, laughter, etc. But I need Mr. Charming to sweep me off my feet to find it. I'm WM, 6'1", 175 lbs., 34, artist, positive, positive, enjoy life and its experiences, would like to share them with someone who doesn't mind receiving flowers, just because. Let's see what a little candlelight & moonbeams will do. Reply BT Box MR156A or call ★★6704.

Horny Stud

Impeccable stud, great shape, looks & sex techniques, honest, looking for hot boys, 20-30, for steamy, long sessions of French & Greek. Me: early 30s, 6'2", 185, brn/brn, hairy chest, athletic. You: cute/handsome, horny, workout regularly, looking for adventure, maybe more. All scenes possible but not required. From spicy vanilla to leather or groups. Call or write with complete description, fantasies & preferences and photo (returned). Reply BT Box MR157A or call ★★6705.

You Must Be My Lucky Star

Attractive, 6', tall, trim, in shape, late 20s, HIV-, GAM (Filipino). Into music, dancing, movies, romance and conversation. Seeking available handsome passionate Latino man or an attractive sensual Caucasian gentleman as a friend, and possible relationship. Must be nonsmoker, HIV-, medium built, 20s to late 30s, easygoing and fun. If you're that shining star call ★★6706.

Generous and Outgoing

GWM, 23, 6'1", 195 lbs., brown eyes/hair, hairy, into oral sex (also safe), HIV-. Going to school for computers, love music, movies, talks, walks, shopping, great sex and Dolly Parton concerts. I write poetry and song lyrics. Seeking GWM, 20-40, for friendship, poss. relationship. No drugs or smokers. Lite drinking OK. HIV-. Musically inclined a plus. Would love to learn to play the piano. Thanks! Reply BT Box MR158A or call ★★6707.

Mixing Arc Release

Airing promise. Road is rise. Uncoil connect pour. Wind thrown, level headed warlock (25, 5'8", 130). Molton untangled core lucid sunsnake resounding writer seeks musician for songwriting collaboration, hiking, safe sex magic, vast integral be. Call ★★6708.

Flex Your Muscles

WM, 5'6", 155 lbs., seeks muscular guys of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142.

A Likeable Guy

Interests include bicycling, gardening, food, the future of multimedia, opera, KITS radio, Miss Manners, rude humor, the movies, and a committed relationship (but not necessarily with whoever answers this ad). I am a 39-year-old technical writer. You are probably 35 to 45 years old and share some of the above interests. No Republicans or poodle owners, please. Boxholder, 5856 College Ave., #214, Oakland 94618 or call ★★6709.

Made in Italy

Short, dark, balding, moustache, 43, 155 lbs., masculine, muscular, hairy, very well hung and uncut, looking for well-hung men only, hairy a plus, for safe times. I'm sound and stable, HIV-, mostly oral, into quality, Italian food, erotic photos/videos, outdoors. Live in SF, weekends at the River. Send note/picture, photocopy OK to Box 2554, Guerneville 95446-2554 or call ★★6710.

Younger/Older

Can't help it. I'm attracted to cute, sexy young men. My friends say, "How do you expect to have a relationship with someone young and irresponsible?" Well, I'm 36, blond, good-looking and have a lot to offer to the right young man. I believe there are some great young guys who want an honest, loving, sexual, long-term relationship. Not interested in drugs or alcoholics, so if you are 18 to ? and attracted to older men please reply to ★★6711 or by letter with a photo and your correct mailing address to BT Box MR 159A.

Hot Brainy Lust

Older, smart 51 y.o. wants to regularly suck dick for younger butch with brains, be his sex slave and toy in bed, while out of bed have intense, hot, intellectual conversations and a lot of emotional connection. Everything else up for grabs. Your dick, my mouth, both our brains. Reply BT Box MR160A or call ★★6712.

Friends and More

Could you be attracted to a mature man? I hope so because I'm looking for another guy in his 40s or 50s, trim and in good health with quiet fire. Usual interests, flexible, tolerant and only slightly crazy. Now you know just a little about me so call, say a little about yourself and leave a phone #. We'll talk soon and get better acquainted. Reply BT Box MR161A or call ★★6713.

Body & Soul

GWM, 29, 5'9", 150#, hairy, cleanshaven, called good-looking, attracted to smooth, dark good looks (Asian, Latin, Italian or ?), 20-35, seeking more serious partner (and friends, all types): easy-going but stable lifestyle, moderate, no heavy bar/party scene, music (pop, jazz, rock, gospel, etc.), sci-fi, Twilight Zone, philosophy, theology, sense of humor, Chaplin, Looney Toons, videos/fantasy (Bjorn, Falcon, Disney), ethnic food.... Letter & photo to: J.S., 41 Sutter St., #1565, SF 94104.

Germanic

Masculine, clean-cut, mid-40s, HIV+, moustache, tall, trim and fit, assertive, dirty-talker, top, big fat sausage, seeking younger guys into oral servicing and receiving, fit of body and mind, smooth body-type, clean-cut, into using skilled lips, mouth and throat in cock-worship sessions. Photo appreciated if you write. Reply BT Box MR162A or call ★★6714.

Intellectuals

Reviewer, essayist, 34, 6'2", very muscular from years of weightlifting, seeks athletic intellectuals in their 20s/30s, for friendship and/or sex. Hoping to meet acerbic, well-educated, fun people seriously involved with books. Not looking for casual readers but men with full-time intellectual interests, who are thoroughly engaged with ideas and committed to their work. Are there literary people in San Francisco? Prove it to me. Introduce me to your friends. Reply BT Box MR163A or call ★★6715.

Spring Mating Ritual

Professional, great-looking, 6'1", 180, brn/brn, 37, looking for fun-loving, secure, happy & hot man/boy to play with and explore relationship. Me: versatile/top, hairy pecs, prefers working out to going to bars, honest. You: 20-35, athletic, fit, available, college educated, HIV-, smooth and/or blond a+. But sexy brn hairy chests are a turn-on too. Phone or write with photo & full description of mating call. Reply BT Box MR164A or call ★★6716.

Angry Young Men, Troubled Boys

The angrier, younger, more troubled, more beautiful, the better. Teenage runaway? Set fires, spraypaint graffiti, sell drugs? I'm 28 and excellent; smooth, thin, muscular, good-looking, intelligent, ready to teach you things naked; top, bottom, gentle, aggressive, bondage, whatever. I'm Caucasian, like all racial mixes, especially Hispanics, speak Spanish. Prefer young men between 18 and 19. Virgins and the confused welcome. Pubic hair a plus. Reply BT Box MR165A or call ★★6717.

Concord/Walnut Creek

Handsome GWM, 31, 6'1", 165#, br/grn, moust., HIV-, seeks other thin, handsome, non-smoking, fit GM under 35 for friendship. Call ★★6718.

Ex-Altar Boy

Yeah, really. Mid-40s professional, ClubSport

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Oakland fan, also bikes and runs, is intelligent, HIV-, 6′, 165#, blue eyes, balding. Seeks bright, trim, regular guy to be special friend, perhaps share a spiritual path/life. Reply BT Box MR166A or call ★★6719.

Furry Bear Wanted

GWM, 37, 5′10″, 170, bl/bl, bearded, some chest fur, seeks furry top bear, the furrier the better. Beard essential for romping in and out of doors. Vanilla to kink, relationship possible. Reply BT Box MR167A or call ★★6720.

Busco a Un Latino Muy Culto

Science and music (especially classical and musicals) are two of my passions in life. I also enjoy murder mysteries, movies, family, C&W two-stepping, and beaches. I'm white, 5′8″ and 150 pounds, attractive, with moustache, brown hair and green eyes. I'm 42, extremely healthy (HIV-) and active both mentally and physically. You should be in good mental and physical shape, near my height or shorter. You should be old enough to have direction in life (30s?), and must value education (whether or not it's formal); I'm a college teacher. I love sparkling eyes, warm smiles, affection, enthusiasm, gentleness and kindness. I'm not interested in alcohol, smoking or any drugs. I'm looking for a man who is uncut (like me). I am passionate and sexually versatile, though not into kink. I'm looking for friendship and possible long-term relationship. Reply BT Box MR168A or call ★★6721.

I'm a Smoker

Professional GWM, 35 yrs. old, HIV-, 6′, trim 200 lbs., auburn, green, moustache, would love to meet a sensitive man, my age or younger, for friendship and hopefully relationship. I enjoy theater, movies, dancing and love massaging and cuddling. You should have a good sense of humor, love to laugh, and lean toward top. Leave a message. Reply BT Box MR169A or call ★★6722.

Sandwiched

Fulfilled, between us, contented, spent, breathless. Bottoms/versatile come have fun w/2 hot QWM 37/30 together 9 years for sensuous safe 3-way action. We are 6′2/195 and 6′3″/185. HIV-/cleanshaven only, esp. 21-35 w/hot butts &/or shaved balls, smooth, hairy, slim, hunky, Asian, Latino, white. Can you handle two at once? Open also to other adventurous couples or you might bring your buddy. Realize your erotic thoughts now. Reply BT Box MR170A or call ★★6723.

43 y.o. GWM, HIV+, looking for well-built man for mutual exploration of body parts. Seeking men with versatility in bed and a sense of humor, 25-45 y.o., good build and excellent pecs for mutual heavy tit play. I am 6′4″, 265 lbs., with thick dick and huge balls. Masculine men only need apply. Photo gets quick response. Let me show you what the big boys eat. Reply BT Box MR171A or call ★★6724.

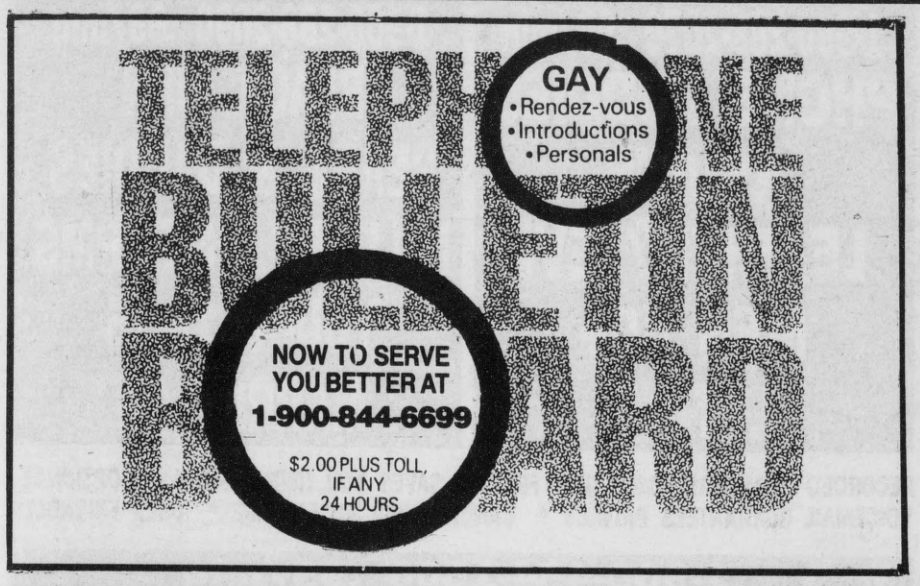
He's a Good Guy

This good-looking, fit, 29-year-old, 5′7″, 160 lb., light brown/blue, artist/idealist, rebel/conformist, wants to meet you. Why? Because of your warmth, sensitivity, wit, creativity, intelligence, work ethic, easy smile and hatred of things suburban (except parking spaces). Plus, we both love food, biking, the ocean, art, ideas and adventure. Please be my age (±4), have a healthy, fit body and an independent, alive spirit. Call ★★6725.

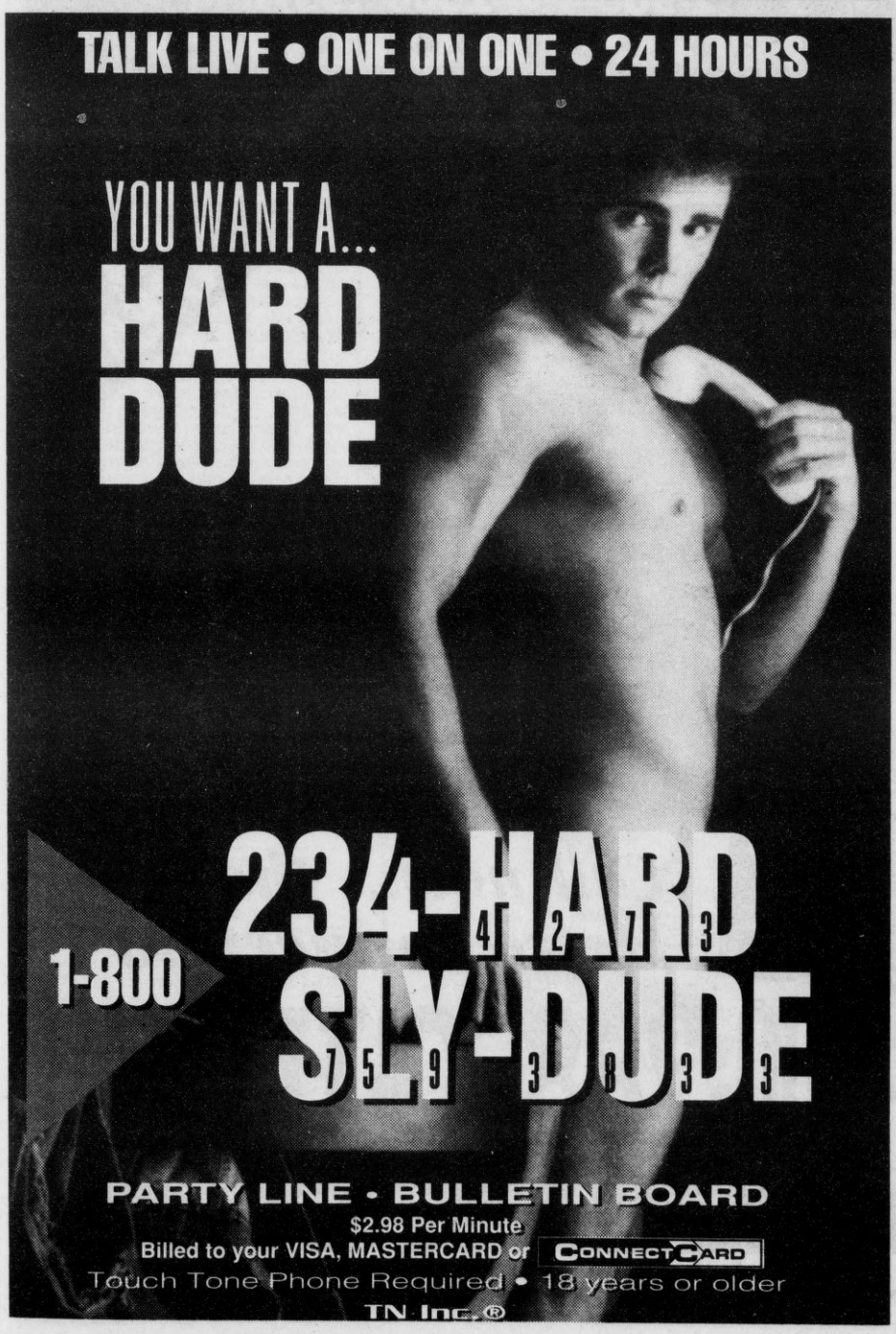
Kinky Party Dudes

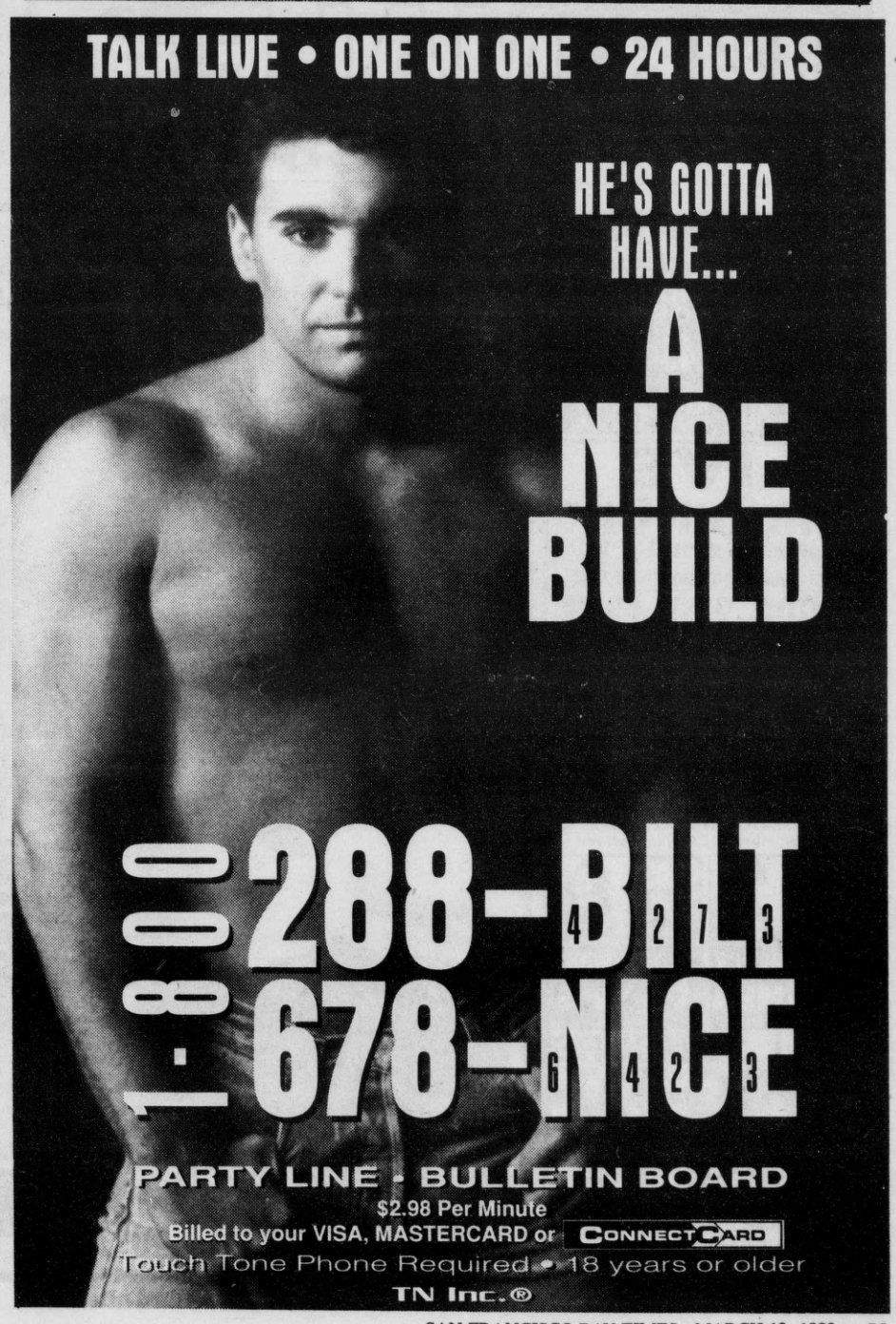
Mid-30s, muscular GWM seeks guys into partying, getting nasty, letting our imaginations run wild in dominance, submission, bondage, sleaze, humiliation, role-plays, fantasies, sweat, armpits, butt-play, toys. 3-ways, young guys, homo punks encouraged. If you're up for it, let's hear from you. Reply BT Box MR172A or call ★★6726.

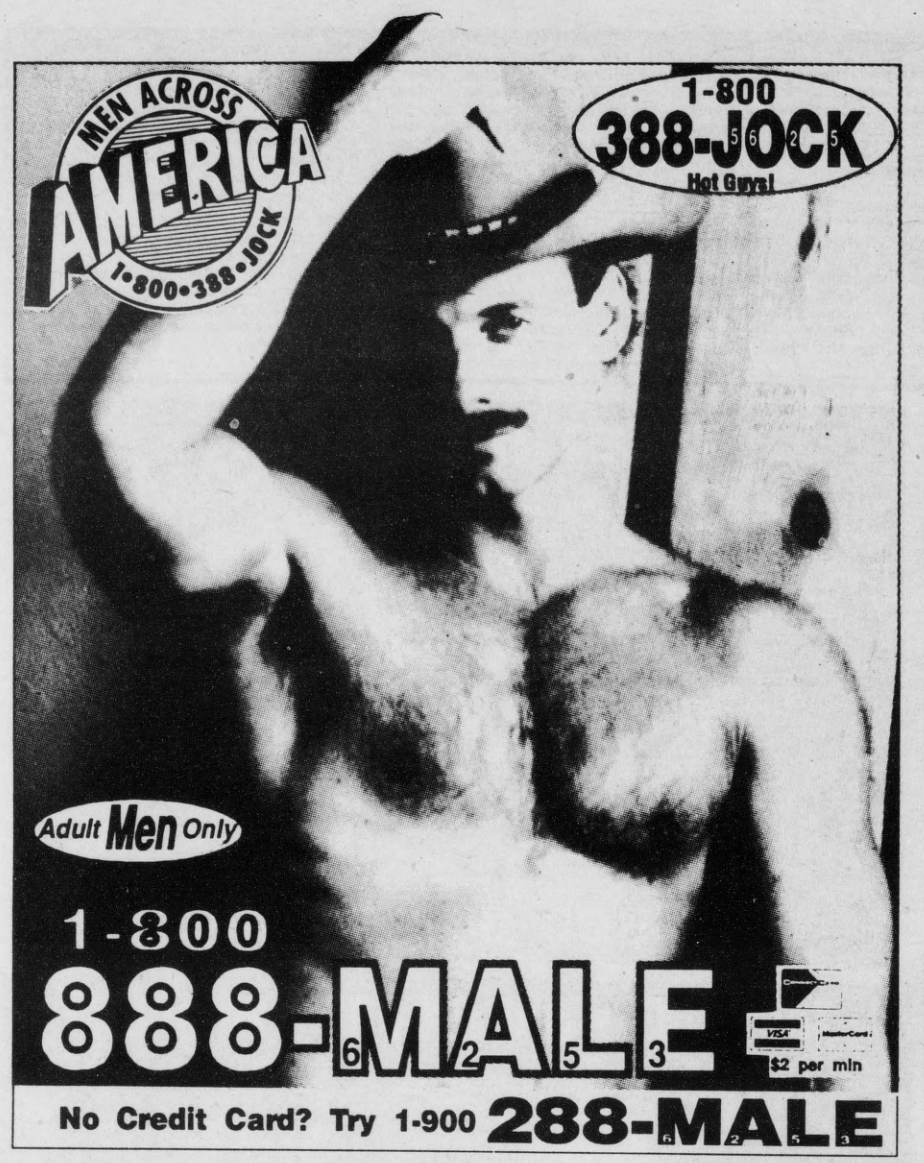
If you're fit and would enjoy being a friend to an active, nonsmoking early (60) retiree, let me hear from you. I'm 5′10″, 165, non-demanding and would enjoy sharing my interests which include tennis, bridge, performing arts, many forms of dancing. Appreciate the well-mannered and talented. Reply BT Box MR173A or call ★★6727.





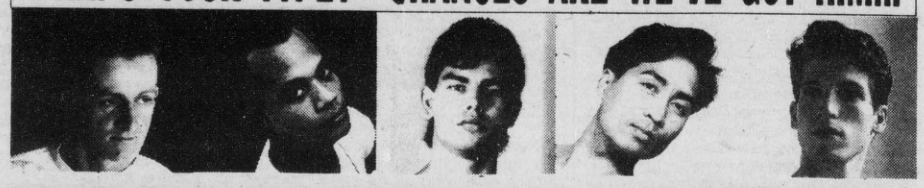






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Seeking Mutual Stimulation
Creative, intellectual and emotional (as well as the obvious!). Somewhat laid back, yet playful and humorous, serious and challenging, curious and able to listen. Nonsmoker, 5'9", slim build, dark blond, cleanshaven, hazel eyes, boyish-looking, 42. Interests in writing, art, film, improv, and psychology; outdoors—hiking, bicycling, swimming. I'm socially aware (nondogmatic), and I like to dance! Please send photo and letter. Reply BT Box MR175A.

It's the Size of Your Heart and Your Spirit of Adventure
I am a fun-loving guy who has a lust for life and yearns to explore, discover, experience, seek, challenge, laugh, and share with someone else who has a thirst for life, too. Your intellectual electricity and sense of humor with your sincerity, trust, and sensuality can be matched and magnified by the chemistry of two. The guy I'm looking for has a balanced life and is happy, well-adjusted, exercised, masculine, middle 20s to early 30s, good friends, professional, and satisfied with life but needs to meet that special guy to add that spark of ignition. And I have a feeling that we're not going to meet at a bar since we do not like bars very much and feel we don't always fit into the gay scene. I want your biggest bodily organ to be your heart and next (nope) your brain. I want you to be as sincere, honest, and monogamous as I am and (I would like it if you liked) the outdoors, biking, hiking, camping, theater, concerts, museums, travel, film, friends, and have an overall eagerness for life, as I do. I am GWM, HIV-, 6', 155 lbs., 30, blond, blue eyes, professional, attractive. I'd like it if you were everything I am and more (or less). I'd love to be able to say that I am interested in only your mind and personality but I know that it's that additional physical spark that can enable an already strong chemistry to soar. So please send a photo (returned) with your response. This is our chance to meet. Reply BT Box MR176A or call ★★6729.

You Can't Always Get What You Want
But if you try sometimes you just might find you get what you need. You are that boy next door with dreamy eyes and a winning smile. Your ego is healthy, not hellish. You enjoy your sexuality but don't define your whole self by that alone. You are not hyper-body-conscious, though you do enjoy being active when the mood strikes you. You are quite intrigued with the idea that now is a good time in your life to start building a relationship, a partnership with someone you'd really enjoy getting to know. Most importantly, you've got a grip on life; you really like who you are, where you are, and where you're going. I am a GWM, 28, 5'10", 185 brown hair/eyes, clean-shaven, good-looking, dynamic, spiritual Aries with a great attitude and a lot of love to share. Reply BT Box MR177A or call ★★6730.

Big-Hearted Lil' Dude
Seeks big-hearted taller guy for comfortable, monogamous partnership. Me: 5'5", 130 lbs., fit, handsome, boyish 45 y.o. professional GWM (look mid-30s), sexy bod, soulful eyes. Inside you'll discover an affectionate, talented, passionate man with varied interests and a healthy lifestyle. I love dancing, the outdoors, travel, cooking, writing, arts. You: good-looking, in-shape, masculine, affectionate, easy-going. Pluses: day-person, moustaches/beards. Us: HIV-, smoke/drug-free. Take the plunge! Reply BT Box MR178A or call ★★6731.

White Top In Search of
Black bottoms! Me: 30, 5'8", brn/grn, mustache, somewhat hairy, well hung. You: black, 18-40, preferably smooth and dark, and love to suck and get fucked. I am open to a variety of scenes and degrees of intensity. Let's get together and make some noise! Write to 584 Castro, #102, SF 94114 or call ★★6732.

Carpenter/Handyman Type
Are you interested in settling down with a tall, blond professional? Let's work together and make our home into a castle. Curious? Reply to: Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062 or call ★★6733.

Gay Punx Boyz—Rage Where You Are!
Over 21 who like to go to shows and other punk events; also movies, day trips, weed and mild drugs, adventure. Dark features, hung, fun, not looking for relationships, just fuck buddies (oral and if yer a "bottom" or unclassified) and for a good friend or two. I am not a rabbit/P.C. or all that shit. I'm just who I am. Reply BT Box MR179A or call ★★6734.

Organic Gardener
Q.W.M. farm background, college degree, 10 yrs. gardening experience in SF area. Interested in native plants, organic veggie production, outdoors activity, hiking, etc. Looking for partner, couple or collective; objective to produce organic veggies or plant nursery and make new friends, sexual-nonsexual. Personal stats: 40, 6'2", 220 lbs., blue, brown, balding, hairy face, HIV-. If any of this connects reply BT Box MR180A or call ★★6735. Make a proposition.

Right to the Point
You know how them big, strong, redheaded men are. This one in particular loves to kiss and cuddle with furry, tactile men who can enjoy some rough and tumble as well as gentle "vanilla." I'm 37, 5'11", 185 lbs., bearded, handsome, healthy, clean/sober, and positive in more ways than one. My taste tends to furry men of all ages. Not looking for a husband, but if you want to bring yours along, that's OK, too. On the other hand, if you do manage to arouse my romantic streak, I can be a devoted and loyal lover. Photo and letter to BT Box MR181A or call ★★6736.

Looking to Expand My...
social life. GWM, 29, 6', 180 lbs., dark blond hair, blue eyes. Looking to meet people that are 25 and older. I like computers, bowling, photography, cars, cooking and other things. Looking spend quality time with a friend or two. If you'd like to meet, then call ★★6737 or write to PO Box 423091, SF 94102. Only 25 and older please.

Unusual GWM
This GWM prefers Mendocino and Palm Springs, quiet to clamor, lycra to leather, reading to TV and sweetness to machismo. I'm seeking a cleanshaven, drug-free, 20s/30s GWM for friendship and a possible relationship. I'm bright, soft-spoken, muscular (5'10", 180 lbs.) and boyish 36. PO Box 190042, SF 94119 or call ★★6738.

Gay Greek Seeks Young Turk
To share Mediterranean culture and form mutual alliance of friendship and love. I'm a native San Franciscan with roots in the eastern Aegean. I enjoy the music and foods of many peoples. I'm looking for an honest, intelligent, curious, warm-hearted, health-oriented, gay male companion with good sense of humor and commitment to growth who is fun to be with. Box 14022, SF 94114 or call ★★6739.

Ain't Gonna Work
on Maggie's farm no more. 15 years was plenty, now I want to go back to having fun, looking for soulmates, pals to travel, camp, party and play with. I'm 40, 5'9", HIV+, good-looking, still energetic, irreverent and adventurous. Love rock 'n roll, dislike disco, bars and clones. I like rebels, punks, artists, outsiders, don't care about your money, muscle or dick status. AIDS/ARC OK. Reply BT Box MR182A or call ★★6740.

Sexy Boy Finds Repeat Lover!
25 y.o. bald boy seeks hot foreign TOP man, with a juicy uncut cock for hot erotic lovemaking. You are honest, lusty, smooth bodied, passionate, 18-35, who loves sensual kisses/caresses, as well as hot raw fucking! I'm 5'11", brown eyes, 170 lbs., x-smooth body, looking for repeat lover, casual companion, or hot encounter. Let your urges take over and make contact! Reply BT Box MR183A or call ★★6741.

A Man Rarely Found
Healthy, all-American, very handsome, boyish good looks, HIV-, 36 y.o., masculine, green eyes, thick dark brown hair, great smile, successful businessman, enjoys reading and outdoors. Looking for one like me, variations of course—you be 25-35, all-American, fun, smart, wild and adventuresome, sense of humor. I want to learn what makes you tick. Come and get me! Reply BT Box MR184A or call ★★6742.

Asian Bondage
Good-looking, boy-size Asian (30), lean and smooth, into sensual bondage including ropes, tickling, spanking, helpless struggling scenes, etc. Would like to meet similar person (especially Asian) for fantasies. Must be trim and cleanshaven. Safe and sane adventures = pleasure. Need letter and phone number! Call ★★6743.

Napa Valley
I get off on the comfort and security that two men make for each other, kissing long, sleeping close, working hard, respect of people, respect of love, meaning what you say, and saying it when you feel it. GWM, 30, looking for it. Sexually secure. HIV- only. Respond, Boxholder, Box 515, Napa 94559 or call ★★6744.

Actor With A Voice From the Heart?
Cute GWM, 35, 5'3", 128, br/br, advertising executive seeks 'bud' around my age. I write songs and jingles, produce videos and radio plays—sometimes for profit, sometimes for fun. So, if you're an actor (pro or otherwise) who can sing, it's a plus. If you're cute too, please send photo with short letter or audio cassette to PO Box 5382, Richmond 94805.

Very Attractive
Masculine WM, 37, 5'10", 150 lbs., fit, cleanshaven, educated, professional, liberal, easy-going, occasionally wild, enjoys rock music, movies, working out, seeks very masculine, intelligent and attractive WM, 30-40, fun-loving, adventurous, sexually dominant, and uninhibited, possibly hairy with dark features. Very safe sex only. Call ★★6745.

Submissive Wanted
You get your pleasure giving pleasure to your 6'1", 190#, nicely built, 43-year-old man. You are foremost skilled and dedicated in providing oral satisfaction. You've got a pussy for a butt. If interested, we'll talk about it a little. Call ★★6746.

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You've Got the Body

I've got the brains; let's make something happen: travel, mutual support, community activity, theatre, dancing, fine dining, healthy living, working out, making life exciting with someone who's financially able to make it easier. You're 25-45, slender or "in-shape," very hung, top, left-leaning, new age, not into drugs: This "in-shape" 38 y.o., 145 lb., positive, average-looking, kinky, blue-eyed man with twisted humor, and only a little hair (on top anyway) may be someone to support you in a new, mutually beneficial relationship; or just someone to take a great trip with. Write your stats, (picture?), what you'd like to: Travel, 3360 Adeline St., #7304, Berkeley 94703.

Need an East Bay Friend?

Attractive, masculine light skin black male, hazel eyes, 6'2", 190, young 44, well educated, professional, honest, humorous, warm, sincere, romantic and very dependable seeks young (25-45) Asian or man of color for movies, travel, dining, outings and safe fun. Nonsmoker only, light drinker OK. Regular and lasting friendship is desired. Call ★★6748.

Wanted: Aggressive, Handsome, Very Masculine Men

by this handsome, slender, shy, 32 y.o. GWM who is 6'2", 170 lbs., with brown hair, blue eyes, moustache. We are both affectionate, enjoy the outdoors, HIV-, nonsmokers, not into the bar scene, upbeat, happy with our lives but would like to have someone to keep warm with and snuggle at night. PO Box 51113, Palo Alto 94303. Call ★★6749.

Affectionate

GWM, 38 y.o., 5'10", blue eyes, bald, beard, healthy HIV+. Would like to meet other men under 50 who are kind-hearted and sensitive. I enjoy camping, classical to CW music, dancing, romance, long walks, cats, dining in or out, quiet evenings at home. I am sexually versatile, enjoy closeness. Reply BT Box MR185A or call ★★6750.

Maha Shivaratri

Shivaratri is coming soon. Intelligent GWM, 40, 6'1", 185 lbs., br/bl, smooth, HIV-, looking for young friend to celebrate in our own unique way. Reply BT Box MR186A.

For Husky, WM Admirers Only

I'm WM, 45, 5'10", 200#, good husky build, cleanshaven, hung, uncut, HIV-, nonsmoker, no drugs. I'm looking for a slim to medium build male to share a rewarding, uninhibited, creative sexual friendship and whatever else develops. No greek. Not into bars or one-nighters. I'm intelligent, reasonably attractive and non-neurotic. Risk the ridiculous and reach the sublime. PO Box 1177, Palo Alto 94302.

Are You Shy?

Is it as hard for you to respond to this ad, as it was for me to place it? You—quiet, 30+, HIV-, slim, easygoing, straight appearance, ready for a lasting relationship. Moustache, dark hair, leather or tattoos a plus. I'm 40s, 135 lbs., 5'8", HIV-, top, moustache, live in mountains, like music, leather and traveling. Not into gay scene or bars. Professional, nonsmoker. How about flying to NY for the weekend to my favorite jazz club, then dancing? Give me a call. Reply BT Box MR187A or call ★★6751.

Good Loving Top

GBM, 40s, 5'9", 180 lbs., musc. and masc., HIV-, with varied interests, wants to meet GWM btm. for fun times leading to perm. relationship. You: cleanshaven, 45-60 y.o., under 6'—overweights welcomed. Let's talk, meet and go from there. Call ★★6752.

Asians, Asians, Asians

Are there any Asians out there up to 50 who can imagine a successful, committed, happy relationship with a 45 y.o. GWM? I am not placing "should be" limitations on you because love is where you find it and not where you exclude it. I am 5'10", 150 lbs., thinning brown hair, healthy, HIV-. I am romantic and loving, yet know (from experience) being together requires compromise and common sense. At 45 I have emotional maturity I'd like to share. 537 Jones St., #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★6753.

Feet

Professional GWM, 31, 5'9", 180 lbs. (hunky), blond/brown, loves good-looking men and their feet. If you are good-looking, masculine, have a good (hunky-body builder) body, like someone rubbing (etc.) your feet, and enjoy having a good time, give me a call. Call ★★6754.

Seek Younger Brother

Two aggressive, masculine guys, 40 and 50, healthy and secure, want a younger third for friendship, good mental and physical contact, fun games and perhaps much more. Call ★★6755.

Asian American

fellow would like to meet another Asian or Caucasian/other. I am an attractive male on the stable side; the low-key type. I'm a professional, easy to converse with, open minded, and interesting. I am HIV-. Physically I fit the "Asian build" mode: slim and not too tall. Seeking an interesting individual to know and have fun with. Boxholder, 5214-F Diamond Heights, Suite #406, SF 94131.

Not Hung

Not toned yet either. Am working hard on the toning and learned to live with average on the other. GWM, 38, 5'11", 180, HIV-. Professional; loves everything urban although the most romantic date ever was a picnic on the beach in the rain—go figure. Handsome? You decide, the word's been tossed in my direction. A little shy with men but warm and romantic. Want what? Someone similar, bright eyes, great smile, secure with himself, and the rest is probably chemistry. Reply BT Box MR188A.

Huge Belly??

Do you have a huge, prominent belly? One that sticks way out over your jeans? If so, this handsome, masculine 32 y.o. GWM who is 6'2", 170 with brown hair, blue eyes, moutaches, wants to hear from you now! Call ★★6756.

Bright Eyes Seeks Asians

Loving and caring GWM, 27, seeks gay Asians for friendship/companionship. I am 6', 185# with soft brown hair and bright hazel eyes. Am sincere, honest, healthy. Wish to meet slim, cleanshaven guys who are also loving, caring, healthy, sincere, honest. I currently reside on East Coast (Virginia) but will be relocating to SF. Please send photo with letter telling me all about yourself. Reply BT Box MR189A.

Redneck

WM, 38, 5'10", 160 lbs., redhead. Live in the far East Bay; wish I lived in the mountains. Prefer country over city, real world over ghetto. Mellow and masculine, love Harleys, rivers, desert, forest, horses, dogs, kids, running, wind, rain, 4x4's, backroads, wood stoves, garlic, chilis, strong coffee, boots, leather, tattoos, and other natural pleasures. A little sleazy (dig it dirty and wet), 100 percent real (don't walk or talk funny), definitely a lover (can I nibble on your moustache?), not into games and roles (don't call me sir). Sure would like to hook up with a like-minded cowboy/biker buddy. Call ★★6757.

Friend/Lover Sought

I am adventurous, late 30s (look much younger), masculine, 5'10", 150 lbs., witty, good-looking, HIV-, nonsmoker, well traveled professional. You are boyish, curious about life, intelligent, spiritually inclined and sensitive but masculine. Boxholder, PO Box 425574, SF 94142 or call ★★6758.

Recovery as Spiritual Awakening

Tall, thin, wiry, muscular, handsome, straight-acting, yet very sensitive, gentle, affectionate, playful, somewhat shy, honest nature lover with thick moustache, deep soulful blue eyes and frisky warm smile into hiiking, natural history, daily meditation and yoga, holistic healing, whole foods, nurturing massage exchange, hugging and movies seeks similar open-minded, patient, unpretentious, generous, smiling lover of life, any height, race or age to share the pain, frustrations, challenges, joy, insights and growth of our recovery, healing, spiritual journeys. Honest, revealing letter: PO Box 3556, Berkeley 94703-0556 or call ★★6759.

Have You Ever Wondered...

How can I meet a handsome, well-built, sensual man who values friendship and intimacy over fantasy and lust. Someone who embodies humor, perceptiveness, compassion, expressiveness and communication skills. I am looking for someone who, like myself, fits the above description. I am also 36 yrs., 5'10½", 168 lbs., brn/brn, HIV-, nonsmoker. Strong preferences for dark features (especially dark eyes), HIV-, appreciation for outdoors and arts. Please include photo! Reply BT Box MR190A or call ★★6760.

We Won't Rest Until You Are Satisfied Socially

Next Deadline for All Ads: Mar. 20 for Mar. 26

How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

FOLLOW THE EASY INSTRUCTIONS when you call. You can either enter the Call Star Extension of a specific ad that interests you, or you can browse through a variety of greetings and respond to any or all of them. Select the ads you wish to leave messages for and record your responses. Be sure to include your telephone number and the best times to call. Calls cost 96 cents per minute and will appear on your monthly telephone bill.

How To Get a "Call Star" Voice Mail Box

IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through May 12. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR 2 MONTHS
VOICE MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR FOUR WEEKS
MAIL WILL BE FORWARDED WEEKLY

QUESTIONS? Call the SF Bay Times office at (415) 626-8121 and ask for Greta.

SUGGESTED AD CATEGORY (Check One): ☐ **Women** ☐ **Men** ☐ **Bisexual** ☐ **Social Groups** ☐ **Shared Interests**

HEADLINE: _____

TEXT: _____

☐ **Reply Bay Times Mail Box**

Total # of Words: _____

☐ Enclose $10 up to 70 words $10.00
☐ Enclose 15 cents per word **over** 70 words:
____ words × 15 cents equals . . . . . ____
☐ Enclose $7 for Reply Mail Box . . . . . ____
☐ Enclose $11 for Reply Mail Box and Mail Forwarding . . . . . ____

COST OF ONE INSERTION . . . . . ____
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Multiply by cost of one insertion for total cost of ad . . . . . ____
Discount for 3 or more insertions: subtract 10% of total cost of ad . . ____

ENCLOSED TOTAL COST OF AD, INCLUDING ANY DISCOUNTS: $____

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Phone (weekdays) _____ **(eves)** _____

☐ Check here if it's OK to leave a message on your answering machine if we need to contact you
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You may stop by the office at the below address to fill out a coupon. **We cannot take personals by phone, nor can we accept anonymous ads. All information will be kept confidential.**

Mail Coupon To:
SF Bay Times Personals
288 7th Street, SF, CA 94103

NEXT DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 20

WORD COUNTS/PRICE INFO: 'A,' 'and,' 'the,' zip codes, PO Boxes, etc. should all be included in your word counts. There are no refunds for ads. If there is an error in your ad which substantially affects the value of the ad, we will issue you a credit to rerun the ad. If you have submitted an ad which does not fall within our editorial guidelines and we are unable to notify you, we will issue a credit to run a different ad.

ADVERTISING GUIDELINES In placing an ad, you must not use names, telephone numbers or street addresses. The San Francisco Bay Times hopes that you will submit ad copy in keeping with our general editorial policies. Ads should stress those qualities the advertiser finds compatible rather than target specific lifestyles, races or other aspects in a negative manner. We understand the difference between discrimination and personal preference. If your ad does not fall within the realm of our guidelines, we may notify you and allow you to make the necessary alterations. We reserve the right to edit ads. We reserve the right to reject any ad whatsoever.

Remember: speech isn't as free on the telephone as it is in the newspaper. Government regulations forbid the "F-word" recorded on phone lines and other such direct communication. Have fun but be sensible.

99.59%
Customer Satisfaction!*

Dear Readers:

In the month of January, the San Francisco Bay Times 900-number personals voice mail system had a customer satisfaction rating of 99.59 percent.

In fact, our rate of customer satisfaction has been significantly higher than the industry average standard since the beginning of our voice mail service.

Customer service is, and always has been, our highest priority. We take the time to answer your questions about the system, no matter how simple or complicated they may be. Whether you're running an ad or responding to one, we want you to feel like you understand the system—so you can have fun with it.

We know that many people are skeptical about using 900 numbers. That's why our voice mail system is as efficient and cost-effective as we can make it. We're constantly on the lookout for ways to improve the system, and we welcome your suggestions on how it might work better for you.

If you're not sure how to use the system, or if you have ideas about how we can make it better, please let us know! Call us at (415) 626-8121, Monday through Friday, 10AM until 6PM, and ask for Greta.

SF Bay Times Voice Mail Personals. We won't rest until you're satisfied socially.

*** Based on monthly invoices received from Pacific Bell. Chargeback rate of 0.41 percent for January 1992; 1.37 percent average since October 1990. Industry standard 4-6 percent.**

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Sun And Moon
sexual woman seeks Sun to her Moon. I'm iscean, nesting-type who likes dancing, din- , the ocean. I realize answering this can ex- you to all sorts of social criticism ("Did you r what so-and-so is going out with?" "She's a real woman.") Hey, I know that. I also know e hit it off it won't matter what people say, and stand by you. (If you like what you've just read ut only want to hang out, that's fine.) To find out ore call ★★4535.

Two-Step Partner
Ladakh, Zanskar (Tibetan kingdoms now in India) in July-Aug. Cross passes to 16000 feet. Visit monasteries. Possibly also tour in Malaysia, hike in Nepal. Open to other places, times. Go to most expensive hotels, only $5/day at most town of 3rd world! Write "World Bicyclist," 131 Berkeley Square #291, Berkeley 94704.

Fiber Fanatics
respond to your October ad quick rounded fun to me. Would to knit, spin,

No, My Dick Is Not Shaped Like A Hamburger
or a flying saucer, or an atomic bomb, if tha what you're into. Don't come to me if you're hu up on bedding down Tom Cruise. I am, howev in control of my head and know who I am a what I'm seeking. I'm 40, 5'10", slim with bro hair and graying beard, HIV –, and I've been t I'm good-looking. And dammit, I am. But fla people do not get me hard and I need a m who has a real personality, is not into the "scen and is not afraid of committing to someone w rests and enjoys a walk in the pa the bars. Your loc

I Believe You're Out There Somewhere
At least I want to believe it, still, though I've been looking for a very long time. I hope you show up before I give up hoping for love in this lifetime. I'm a firesign, 12/2/41, professional, mainstream, middle class; I like contemporary novels and movies, to laugh, dance, walk on Ocean Beach and in G.G. Park; I draw a little, write a little, rare etoh; smoke/toke; I'm kinda shy, quirky about food (not vegetarian), sincere, perceptive, have complicated schedule. In my dreams you're live in SF—so we can en- average body,

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THIS CALL IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LISTENING AND BEING HEARD.

1-900-678-3863

$19.92 PER CALL – CALL NOW TO SUPPORT GAY AND LESBIAN CANDIDATES WE CAN COUNT ON.

Now you can phone in your support to qualified, openly gay and lesbian candidates for public office in 1992. Your call will cost $19.92. Each individual's contribution gives financial clout to qualified gay and lesbian candidates. This effort is organized by The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. The Victory Fund is a national network of people highly organized and committed to financially supporting and electing qualified, openly gay and lesbian candidates to public office at the city, county, state, and federal levels. Your contribution to The Victory Fund will help build the network and directly promote recommended candidates.

You may choose to designate your contribution to any of the five candidates below, or directly to The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

This phone call makes the difference between electing someone who forgets our support once elected, versus a qualified gay or lesbian official. As the addage "if you want it done, do it yourself" indicates, this is truly the difference between listening and being heard.

Your phone call is that important. Call now. If we don't help elect our own, who will?



GLEN MAXEY
Candidate for Texas House of Representatives

First elected in a special election last Spring, Glen is now running for a full term in the Texas House of Representatives. When he first took his seat, several colleagues moved because they didn't want to sit next to a "known" homosexual.

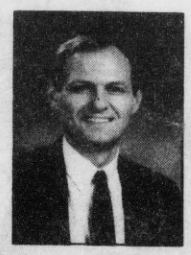
An important leader in ending Texas' anti-gay sodomy statute, Maxey needs your help to win a very tough primary battle.



TAMMY BALDWIN
Candidate for Wisconsin State Assembly

A member of the Dane County (Madison, WI) Board of Supervisors, Tammy could become the first openly lesbian/gay member of the Wisconsin State Assembly. As an attorney, she has an impressive track record representing gays and lesbians against discrimination.

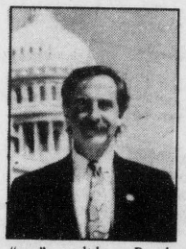
She also lobbied for the creation of an AIDS Task Force and became its first chair. Tammy is locked in a fierce battle with three men and will need help from other lesbians and gay men to win.



JERRY KEENE
Candidate for Oregon House of Representatives

A win by Jerry could make his election the "turning point" in gaining crucial Republican support for passing a gay rights bill in Oregon. Facing a seven-term incumbent, Jerry needs your help to ensure his victory.

He plans to counter the anti-Gay Oregon Citizens' Alliance (OCA) as a "responsible, progressive, pro choice gay Republican with no time for their brand of bigoted nonsense." He will need your help.



TOM NOLAN
Candidate for U.S. Congress

Tom is running to become the first openly gay man ever to win election to Congress. (Barney Frank and Gerry Studds each came out after they were elected.) As the popular and accomplished former president of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, Tom is far more than just a "gay" candidate. But he does have tough opposition in the Democratic primary.

Your contribution could help him win and make history for all of us. (Since this is a federal race, corporate contributions are not permitted.)



GAIL SHIBLEY
Candidate for Oregon House of Representatives

A year ago, Gail became the first openly lesbian member of the Oregon House of Representatives when she was appointed to an open seat. Now she must win election in her own right, against tough opposition from the Oregon Citizens' Alliance (OCA), the anti-gay group that's also fighting to pass a state constitutional amendment condemning homosexuality. The OCA is raising lots of out-of-state money to defeat Gail. She'll need your help to win.

GAY AND LESBIAN VICTORY FUND

Call 1-900-678-3863
$19.92 Per Call

Each call will cost $19.92...Callers may hang up after hearing an initial message and no charge will be incurred...Contributions to candidates and the Victory Fund are not tax-deductible; corporate contributions may not be allowed in some races...The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is a political action committee registered with the Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C., and represents and warrants that all applicable FEC guidelines relative to disclosure, advertising, remittance, reporting of funds and contributions limits (when applicable) will be adhered to; this program will comply with all federal, state and local laws governing political candidates and contributions...Candidates have met rigorous standards and criteria for recommendation...Paid for by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and authorized by the candidates...Customer service requests or additional information about the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund may be obtained from William Waybourn, Executive Director, 1012 14th Street N.W., Suite 707, Washington, D.C. 20005, or by calling (202) 842-8679...Individuals may contact the candidates through their campaign committees or offices...Callers under the age of 18 must have parental authorization.